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In Roman mythology, the god Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking forward, the other looking backward. As the guardian of doors and gates, Janus became the patron of beginnings and endings, since one symbolically passes through a door when entering something new. January, appropriately named for Janus, represents the portal of a new year, a time to selectively remember the past, but moreover, a time to establish a passage with new challenges, new goals, new accomplishments.

We tend to look back, then forward at this time each year. And we reflect upon those events that have affected our lives, those people whose paths have crossed our own. Every situation we experience, every individual we meet helps to shape us, giving us different perspectives, opening new horizons, blending our past with our present. We are the sum of our experiences.

On the flip side we, individually, go about the business of affecting the lives of others. Keeping in mind that our actions and deeds will be observed—and if we're lucky, imitated—I'd like to

offer a few prospective resolutions to you. They are words of wisdom, collected from random sources over a few decades, and they have great potential when generously applied. Try them on your family and friends, your enemies, your business colleagues, the checkout person at the grocery, and others you meet. And don't forget to try them on yourself.

With thanks—and apologies, when appropriate, for the paraphrasing—to Shakespeare and Lincoln; Poor Richard and John Donne; and all the individuals who have touched my life in any way:

- Always speak the truth and you'll never need to be concerned with your memory. (or, from Shakespeare: "To thine ownself be true and it must follow as night the day; thou canst not then be false to any man.")
- A person is not old until regrets take the place of dreams: Don't grow old.
- The best way to defeat an enemy is to make him a friend (it's the "ounce-of-kindness" idea, paraphrased by Abraham Lincoln.)
- Don't clutter your mind with little things; there won't be any room for the big things.
- Never forget that you are a part of the people who can be fooled some of the time.
- Do not be afraid to dream things that never were, and say, "Why not?"
- Be sure your brain is in gear before engaging your mouth. (Always be careful to stop and taste your words before letting them pass through your teeth.)



Alumni Center volunteer, 1953 alumnus Crystal Mahoney, joins staff member, Sandy Deffenbaugh, in the festively decorated center.

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- Don't squander time, for it is the stuff of which life is made.
 - A person wrapped up in himself or herself makes a very small bundle. Don't lose sight of the fact that no one is an island; be open to new ideas, new opportunities, new challenges.
 - Live well, laugh often, love much, and remember that all people smile in the same language.
- Think of the new year this way: What you do with 2007 will be determined one moment, one hour, one day at a time. That which lies ahead is yours to make and to keep.
 May the road rise to meet you and the wind be always at your back.
 Be safe. Prosper. Enjoy.

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Identity Theft

Identity Theft: *Are you safe?*

The problem of identity theft and crimes associated with it are a growing concern in law enforcement today. Often, identity theft is hidden in another crime and difficult to recognize or detect. One can have personal identifiers stolen as part of another crime, like a burglary or a vehicle break-in, and not even realize it. It could be literally months after the fact before the crime is detected.

A person usually finds out identity has been stolen when someone has committed some kind of fraud against that person, like obtaining a credit card in the individual's name or accessing one's accounts fraudulently. The damage to one's credit and reputation can be devastating and take endless hours of work to correct. It can create a real feeling of helplessness to learn what kind of personal information can be obtained and the damage that can be done.

Investigating these types of crimes can be frustrating for both the victim and law enforcement agencies. Successful investigation requires long hours and diligence on the part of the investigator. It also takes cooperation and information from the financial institutions and businesses involved. Gathering the evidence needed to successfully investigate this type of case can be a slow and painstaking process.

Unfortunately, at Ball State, we are not different from the rest of the country. In the academic year 2005-06, Ball State Police investigated 23 reported cases of fraud involving identity theft. That was an increase of approximately 25 percent from the previous academic year.

These cases are investigated by our detective division. This allows our department to utilize officers who have specialized training and expertise to investigate these crimes. Our detectives have two ultimate goals during their investigation. One is to investigate the crime, identify a suspect, and gather enough evidence for filing criminal charges. Detectives will work with the financial institution involved to identify the transactions involved. They will use this information to work with businesses where the transaction took place in an effort to identify and locate a suspect.

The other goal is to be a successful resource for victims and to assist them in getting their problems resolved. Working with the various financial entities involved can be confusing and challenging. Our officers are prepared to provide advice and assist each victim in making the experience less challenging. Ball State also has a Victim's Advocate available. The Victim's Advocate is a resource to help victims as their cases proceed through the legal system.

With hard work and persistence, identity theft and the crimes associated with it can be successfully investigated and prosecuted. Damaged credit and financial information can be repaired. But the truth is, prevention is still the best answer. That is why it is paramount to take the necessary precautions to protect personal and financial information. A few simple steps, like shredding old financial documents, safeguarding personal information, and being cautious in giving out that information, can save a lot of trouble in the long run.



Gene B. Burton

Gene Burton, '80

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Leaving a legacy

by Denise Greer

V. Sue Shields retires after presiding more than 40 years over local, state, and federal courts

A woman of many firsts in the legal profession, V. Sue Shields will retire from her position as U.S. magistrate judge for the Southern District Court of Indiana this month. Shields, the first female to preside over both Indiana's general jurisdiction and appellate courts, also was the first woman U.S. magistrate judge for the district.

Shields credits her "firsts" to the women who came before her, those she refers to as the "real trailblazers." She includes names like Virginia Dill McCarty, the first full-term female U.S. attorney in the 1970s. "They made it easier for me to enter the profession and I hope I've made it easier for the women after me to enter," she says.

Shields is much more than a leader among women in the field. She has an insatiable love for the law that has garnered her a reputation among colleagues as one of the best in the business.

Known for her dedication to fairness and an intuitive ability to resolve conflict, Shields approaches every case with the same rationale. "Somebody's going to lose and I think it's very important that you treat those people respectfully and with understanding," she says. "I make sure that they have a fair shake so that even if they lose, they at least feel that they've had their day in court."

As her career comes to a close, Shields reflects. "What I treasure most is the fact that I am going to be able to retire with a lot of pride in what I've had the opportunity to do over the last 40-some years."

Shields says her judicial career, "certainly hasn't been a well-laid plan," and admits that when she began her college training, she never could have predicted the direction her career path would take.

Originally a nursing major, Shields took an opportunity one day that would change her life's course. Hearing that the Indiana University School of Law was recruiting on Ball State's campus, Shields attended an informational meeting. "I have no rational reason for why I ever went to

that meeting," Shields says. "Because of the coincidence of how it happened, someone had some plans for me and it kind of facilitated things for me."

She soon switched her major to pre-law, and graduated Ball State with honors in 1959. She attended law school at Indiana University, where she graduated, again with honors, in 1961, the only woman in her class.

Following graduation, Shields worked for a time as an attorney of regional counsel for the Internal Revenue Service in Ohio, but returned to Indiana in 1962 to become a deputy attorney general for the state.

Prompted by the political uncertainty of reelection for her boss, Attorney General Ed Steers, Shields, at age 25, ran for judge of the Hamilton County Superior Court in the May 1964 primary. She upset her opponent, and won the seat that fall.

Shields quickly earned a reputation as an effective trial judge, committed to resolving disputes and upholding the highest ethical standards. She served 13 years in that role and calls the experience both rewarding and challenging. "The trial court was extraordinarily stimulating and exciting in that you saw the best of the lawyers," she says.



courtesy, V. Sue Shields

Shields refers to the trial process as necessary and just. “Even as I think people are better at resolving their own disputes, not everyone can do that,” she says. “There has to be an ultimate way that those issues get resolved, and I think our judicial system is as good as it gets at doing that.”

After 12 years as a trial judge, Shields was

Whether she is presiding over trial, appellate, or district court, Shields is known for the civility of her courtroom. “Everyone understands that I expect civility and respect for the lawyers, for one another, and the lawyers to their clients,” she says. “If someone happens to momentarily forget, I try, by word or deed, to remind them.”

Shields’s diligent work has been acknowledged through numerous accolades. She has received the Antoinette Dakin Leach Award and the Paul Buchanan Award of

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—V. Sue Shields



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Shields received Ball State’s Indiana Woman of Achievement Award at the Alumni Center in October 2006.

Shields gained an appointment to the Indiana Court of Appeals. “The appellate court was challenging because it gave me the opportunity to appreciate the firing line that trial judges are in, and trying not to second guess them, but at the same time move the law ahead and try to make sure the parties have a level playing ground to have their disputes resolved,” Shields says.

Her impact on Indiana’s legal system is evident through a multitude of references to her. She has given opinions on a broad assortment of subjects, from commercial law, contracts, and professional responsibility to criminal law and domestic relations.

Shields also has presided over high-profile cases, including one involving an appeal of the 1992 rape conviction of former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, where she ruled to uphold the conviction.

In October 1993, Shields was selected by Indiana Governor Frank O’Bannon for the U.S. magistrate judgeship. The magistrate’s role was different from previous courts over which she had presided. As a magistrate judge, she resolves conflicts in pretrial hearings, working with lawyers and parties one-on-one.

“We bring [the parties] together and give them the opportunity to sit down and, perhaps, have a conversation that they’ve never had before,” she says, adding that in many cases, the setting allows the parties to resolve their own disputes without litigation.

nominated for a seat on the Indiana Supreme Court. Though she was not selected for that role, the nomination did not go unnoticed. In 1978,

Excellence from the Indianapolis Bar Association. She also was inducted into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows at Indiana University, and is a distinguished alumnus of both Ball State and Indiana University. In 2006, she received the Indiana Woman of Achievement Award from Ball State.

Her personal integrity has been a motivating force throughout her legal career. “I have always known that tomorrow I would have to look at myself in the mirror,” she says. “I always wanted to make sure that I had nothing to regret.

“I genuinely care about what I do,” Shields adds. “I care about the problems [of those coming before me]. I care about the system. I think people appreciate that, and I think it makes us all do the best we can.”

At the end of the day, Shields says, “I have been glad to get up every morning and go to work.”

With only weeks until her retirement, Shields has made no definite plans but to travel with her husband William to visit friends in Florida and to see her two sons, who are both attorneys in Texas. “For a couple of months, I thought I ought to leave town to, kind of, get out of the habit of getting up and going to work everyday,” she says. When she returns from her travels, Shields says she will decide what is next. She will likely continue to share her expertise with aspiring jurists. “I have opinion on everything and suggestions on many things. And, I am accessible.” Though her retirement ends an era of accomplishments, it also marks the beginning of a lasting legacy on Indiana law. ■

alumni CONNECTION

Professional societies plan upcoming events

Alumni societies have scheduled a host of events in the coming weeks, including a job fair, award programs, and geographic-area outings.

CAP: The College of Architecture and Planning will host a job fair Monday, February 12, and Wednesday, February 14, from noon-4:00 p.m., on campus.

FCS: The Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Society hosted its ninth annual Career Mentoring Day, October 28, 2006. Twenty speakers and more

than 300 students were present for the event.

Candie Allen, '01, assistant product manager for the Far East Domestic Division for Chico's, was the keynote speaker.

Other alumni who provided career information to students were: **Ed Balint**, '98; **Angela Barnes**, '96; **Beth Bates**, '00; **Kelly Black**, '05; **Andrea Bunton**, '05; **Leslee Hanna**, '02; **Sheila Hebenstreit**, '80; **Wendi Lopez**, '00; and **Dale Lutton**, '01MA03.

Also, **Stephanie McDonald**, '69MAE71; **Brittany Miller**, '05; **Stacey Newcomer**, '96; **Tara Olivo**, '05; **Rae Ann O'Neill**, '80MA84; **Sarah**

Teachers College Award Luncheon



by Ernie Krug

Cathy Lind, Mary Ann Thiery, Rozann Schenkel, and Cathy Hahn, of Saint Mary's School in Muncie, were awarded an Innovative Education Grant during the Teachers College award luncheon, September 30, 2006. Cathy Purtlebaugh received the same grant for Washington-Carver, also in the Muncie schools.

POST-ITS

Black Alumni: The Black Alumni board of directors is working on the details for its tenth Black Alumni Reunion, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, August 3-5. During the reunion Outstanding Black Alumni awards will be presented.

CFA: The Cardinal Football Alliance board of directors will meet Thursday, February 8, at 4:00 p.m. at the Delaware Country Club. Following the meeting there will be a reception and the Football Senior Dinner at 6:30 p.m., also at the country club.

Cardinal Job Fair: The Cardinal Job Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Worthen Arena.

More than 100 employers will be available to discuss internship opportunities with students and alumni. For further information, alumni are encouraged to visit <http://www.bsu.edu/students/careers/students/events/cjf/>

Class of 1957: The Class of 1957 social committee will meet Thursday, January 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Alumni Center. The committee will discuss plans for the 50th Anniversary Reunion, set for Thursday and Friday, June 14-15.

Navigators: A reunion is scheduled for Navigators alumni, Friday and Saturday, June 22-23, 2007. The planning committee includes **Patrick Daniels**, '80; **Robin Tyner**, '77; **Gary Burriss**, '78; and **Keith Luers**, '80. More information will follow.

Pendleton, '05; **Kay Piotrowicz**, '99MA05; **Joyce Russell**, '84; **Shannon Sorrells**, '03; and **Jeff Wiggins**, '02.

The FCS Alumni Society board of directors will meet Wednesday, February 21, at the Alumni Center.

Alumni are requested to provide their e-mail addresses to the Alumni Association to receive a new FCS electronic newsletter. The e-news will replace printed issues of *Communique*.

Journalism: The Journalism Alumni Society board of directors will meet Saturday, January 27, 9:30 a.m., at the Alumni Center.

On the agenda is approval of alumni award nominees for the Outstanding Journalism Award, Outstanding Young Journalism Award, and Hall of Fame.

The board continues to refine plans for a journalism alumni reunion in 2008,

and is working on plans for recognition, professional development, and mentoring activities.

MCOB: The Miller College of Business alumni awards committee will meet Tuesday, January 16, in the Whiting Business Building.

The society's board of directors will meet Monday, February 5, in Indianapolis at 4:00 p.m. Following the meeting board members will attend a Pacers game at Conseco Fieldhouse.

The society will host MCOB Alumni Dialogue Days Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6-7, in the Whiting building.

NREM: The Natural Resources and Environmental Management Alumni Society will host its Internship Day, Tuesday, January 23, from noon-4:00 p.m., at the Alumni Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS



by Laura Waldron

Men's Tennis alumni convened for their ninth reunion, October 14, 2006.



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FCS alumni gather for a photo during the ninth annual Career Mentoring Day, October 26, 2006.



by Kate Webber

Inger Schaefer, Mike Schaefer, Matt Simpson, and Amy Simpson get together during the BSU vs. Georgetown Basketball Pre-game Outing, November 27, 2006, in Washington, D.C.



by Steve Fulton

Alumni socialize at the Rock Bottom Brewery outing, December 11, 2006, in Chicago.

Following the event, the society's board of directors will meet at 4:30 p.m.

Nursing: The Nursing Alumni Society will host its annual alumni banquet, Saturday, April 28.

A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Recipients of 2007 Outstanding Nursing Alumni Award will be honored.

The Nursing class of 1957 will celebrate its 50-year reunion in conjunction with the banquet.

Further information and a reservation form can be found in the spring issue of *The Link* nursing newsletter.

Alumni chapters sponsor winter outings, plan events

Chapter members have planned outings throughout Indiana, including Casino Night in Indianapolis and the Science Central Family Outing in Fort Wayne.

Adams-Wells: The Adams-Wells Alumni Chapter will gather for its first Family Bowling Outing, Sunday, February 11, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Bluffton. The event is coordinated by **Fred Hoffman**, '87, and **Stan Kunkel**, '78.

Greater Indianapolis: The Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter will host three annual winter events.

The Indiana ICE Outing is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, at the Pepsi Coliseum in Indianapolis. A pre-game party will take place in the Ice House Room at 6:00 p.m. The Indiana ICE vs. Sioux City Musketeers game will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, the chapter will sponsor Casino Night at Jillian's in Indianapolis from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

The third event is set for Friday, March 23, at the Murat Theatre for the production of *Cats*. A reception will take place at the Rathskeller from

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The musical will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Contact the Alumni Association for further information on the three outings, or to make reservations.

Michiana: The Michiana Alumni Chapter has elected new board members. They include: **Wes Steffen**, '00, president; **Gail Jaskowiak**, '77, vice president; and **Vince Von Der Vellen**, '87, Alumni Council representative.

Nicole Rodino, '99, is a new member on the board.

The board will meet Monday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the Joseph C. Rice Center in Elkhart. **Bob Woods**, '65EdD90, will host the event.

The board will discuss plans for its annual spring Casino Night, scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at the Elkhart Elks; an upcoming event to watch the South Bend Silver Hawks minor league baseball team; and a golf outing.

Northeastern: The Northeastern Alumni Chapter board of directors will meet Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. in Fort Wayne.

The chapter will participate in its annual T.G.I.F. at Columbia Street West in Fort Wayne Friday, February 16. The event will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The annual Science Central Family Outing is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Fort Wayne.

Need more event information?

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The Alumni Association

Ball State University's Alumni Association was established in 1919 when the first class of the normal school graduated. With **R. Nelson Snider**, '22, as its president, the Association grew into a more formal organization in 1926. Since its inception, 67 presidents and five executive directors have led the Association. **Edwin D. Shipley**, '68MA71, current executive director, has served since 1980, while **Robert E. Linson**, '47MA48, was in charge from 1955-80. Other full-time executive directors were **David Hartley**, '33; **Leroy Hull**, '48; and **Reese Williams**, '48.

Ball State has 162,793 alumni of record throughout the world. The Alumni Council, the Association's governing body, meets at least three times annually, and is comprised of volunteers from geographic, professional, and special interest areas. Consisting of 40 members, the Council has representation from four alumni chapters, seven professional societies, three constituent groups, and the membership at-large. Two members of Ball State's board of trustees are selected by the Alumni Association and also are members of the Council.

Award programs include the Distinguished Alumni Award, acknowledging major contributions to society and to Ball State. Other alumni recognitions include Benny Awards, for exemplary service to Ball State or the Alumni Association; GOLD Awards, for outstanding achievements by graduates of the last decade; and Coach of the Year Awards, given to Indiana high school coaches in all IHSAA sports who have championship seasons. In addition, the Association sponsors scholarships and more than 250 other events annually.

Acting as liaison between the Association and the university's student body, the Student Alumni Relations Team (StART) hosts activities and educates current students about future alumni opportunities.

The vision of the Association is to be a model alumni association on the national level. It exists to foster and fully realize the ideals and mission of the university. The Association strives "to be an advocate for alumni, to enrich their lives, and involve them with Ball State."

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A Geological Time Scale

by Richard Fluegeman

Hardly a week passes without a story in the media about global warming or environmental change. Many of the articles include dire predictions of what the future might hold for humans and the Earth. All of the predictions are based on mathematical models of climate using data accumulated through almost two centuries of meteorological observations.

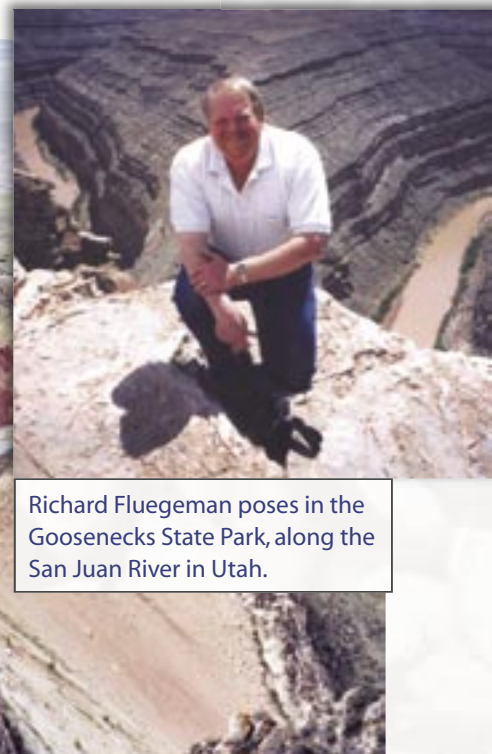
The problem is that climate change is a continuous process with cycles occurring on the order of tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, or even millions of years. Fortunately, a record of over 190 million years of Earth history exists in the sediments of the deep sea. Since 1968, the Deep Sea Drilling Project and its successor projects, the Ocean Drilling Program and the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, have collected thousands of sediment cores to study the record of past changes in the Earth's oceanic, atmospheric, and tectonic systems.

The deep sea is an excellent place to study the record of global change. The ocean basins have been tectonically stable for nearly 200 million years so sediments accumulating there have been relatively undisturbed since their deposition. Because the environment is in the "deep sea" (generally accepted as deeper than 200 meters), the sediments have not been exposed to atmospheric weathering during episodes of falling sea level.

Additionally, because the ocean and atmosphere are linked Earth systems, changes in atmospheric phenomena such as temperature should produce a detectable change in the oceans that will be recorded in the sedimentary record. While the deep-sea cores contain a record of many global change events such as ice ages, circulation shifts, and mass extinctions, these events must be placed in the proper time context if they are to provide meaningful information of future global change.



The geological time scale allows geology students to interpret complex geologic features such as the overturning of beds along a fault in the Bighorn Range of Wyoming.



Richard Fluegeman poses in the Goosenecks State Park, along the San Juan River in Utah.

In order to do this, a standard, high-resolution geologic time scale is required. The development, maintenance, and standardization of the geological time scale is the responsibility of a sub-discipline of geology known as chronostratigraphy.

When one thinks of geologic time, the popular image is of figuring out the age of some special fossil such as a dinosaur. The fossil or some part of it is popped into a "black box" and after a short while, an age is produced.

While the study of radioactive isotopes in rocks has produced important understandings about the age of the Earth, it is not the basis of the geologic time scale. Long before the discovery of radioactivity, the first parts of a geologic time scale were constructed and applied to the solution of practical problems, and since the early-1800s, workers have followed the principles of the geologic time scale, applying a method of correlation now known as biostratigraphy.

The geological time scale today has much in common with the time scale of the 19th century. It is a relative scale comprised of ordered events rather than numerical units. Numerical ages in millions of years can be added to the

time scale by the dating of events. The geological time scale itself is a hierarchical scale having units of specific ranks. The largest units are eons, the next are eras, followed by periods, epochs, and ages. All recognized units have proper names, sometimes with a geographical context (such as the Jurassic Period from the Jura Alps), other times with a description of the rocks (such as the Carboniferous Period from the Coal Measures).

Time units are recognized by the events that characterize them. In an effort to develop standard definitions of time units, the International Commission on Stratigraphy defined, as precisely as possible, the boundaries between the smallest and most fundamental geologic time units, the ages.

These boundaries, known as Global Stratotype Sections and Points (GSSP's), are defined in sections of sedimentary rock. The GSSP's have become such an important part of the geological time scale that they are often referred to as "golden spikes."

My own work involves establishing a GSSP for the Bartonian age, an interval



During the department's summer immersion course in the northern Rockies, students study Permian age (270 million years old) limestones in the Absaroka Range of Wyoming.

of time between 42 and 38 million years ago. As chairman of the working group tasked with defining this boundary, I have conducted fieldwork in the Gulf Coast of the USA, Jamaica, Cuba, the Isle of Wight in southern England, and the Umbrian Apennines of central Italy. Colleagues around the world have conducted similar studies in Russia, Hungary, Belgium, Israel, and Australia as well as numerous deep-sea cores.

Our work has identified that a prominent shift in the Earth's magnetic field, known as polarity chron 19N approximately 40 million years ago, will serve as our marker event for the Bartonian age. Our focus has been concentrated on the Contessa section near Gubbio, Italy for the location of the GSSP.

The rocks in the Contessa section were once on the deep ocean floor and were uplifted in the Apennines about 11 million years ago. Our

working group hopes to drive the "golden spike" sometime during 2008.

Ball State students have their own opportunities to work with the geologic time scale beyond the classroom. Our summer immersion experience in the northern Rocky Mountains requires students to work on the solution of complex geologic problems in the Bighorn Basin. These problems are solved through geologic mapping. Understanding the age of the rocks is essential to

clear interpretations of the folded and faulted strata. Graduate students at Ball State have contributed to the development of the geological time scale through their own research. Some of the pioneering work on dating the development of early Antarctic glaciation 39 million years ago developed from thesis research conducted in the Department of Geology.

Scientists must always keep in mind that the geological time scale is a tool rather than an end in itself. Decisions about the time scale should be made with regard to utility rather than tradition or historic priority.

New methods of measuring time, such as orbital chronology, have revolutionized the time scale of the last 15 million years and future applications farther back in time seem likely. An improving time scale will provide the time control necessary for understanding the full complexity of the earth's dynamic systems. ■



The Contessa section, near Gubbio, Italy, displays where chinks were formed on the deep sea floor around 40 million years ago.



Richard Fluegeman is professor of geology at Ball State. He is the director of geology's summer field course in the northern Rockies.

Photos in this feature are courtesy of Richard Fluegeman.

Pioneering the music industry

by Sarah Kincheloe

History and physics, theory and computer science, performance and composition, digital media and studio recording—generally considered individual studies, they all have come together under the Ball State University music technology program.

“[The music technology program] is a combination of disciplines. It gives a chance for the students to focus in a number of different areas,” says Mike Pounds, the program’s director.

And focus, they must. To participate in the music technology program, students must first be admitted to the School of Music, which includes passing an audition. Once earning the right as music students, candidates must be accepted into the composition program, then may apply to take classes from the music technology curriculum, with a required minor in applied physics, computer science, or digital media.

The first year of the program is essentially rooted in music history, theory, and performance. During the following two years, students are engaged in recording technique classes. Seniors are required to complete a creative project.

“We encourage creativity,” says Pounds. “They can be research

projects, but sometimes we have students do very different things. About half of our students do composition recitals. They put together acoustic

and electronic music that they’ve composed. Sometimes it’s a CD recording.”

Pounds mentions some diverse projects. They include a study on design modification of microphones; DVD presentations; acoustical studies of Sursa Hall; and a percussion piece played on a tractor tire, a car muffler, and a break drum.

Seniors Adam Wilson and Mark Mayhew, both in the midst of completing their final projects, have had equally varied experiences in music technology. Wilson is composing a piece entitled “Out of Time: A Trio and the Robot Machine.” The piece is a collaboration of electronic and acoustic music, and was inspired by 20th century phase music. Wilson has essentially created his own genre, which he calls “rock minimalism.”

“I wrote it for the piano and other instruments with different simultaneous rhythms and meters,” he says. “It incorporates acoustic guitar, bass drums, auxiliary percussion, and a disclavier piano. When you play the same thing at different tempos, eventually the instruments phase.”

The disclavier, an electronic piano that plays itself by information submitted through a separate module, is the focal point of the composition. Wilson explains. “I was able to set the piano at one tempo and play everything else at a slightly slower tempo.”

Mayhew, meanwhile, is recording two full-length albums for his final project. The first is a jazz and blues album. Mayhew arranged a band and did the mixing for a singer/songwriter who approached him with her work.

Music technology program director Mike Pounds (middle) assists seniors Mark Mayhew (right) and Adam Wilson (left) in a mixing project.





"I spent one to two months tracking and almost four weeks mixing," Mayhew says. "To turn it in, I have to have the CD case cover art—it has to look like a real album. Then we play them in listening sessions."

The second album is a recording by his rock band, Burnside, for which Mayhew plays the guitar. Three of the members are music technology majors. They all met in the Ball State program.

Wilson's father directed him to the Ball State music technology program, while Mayhew received the recommendation from his high school guidance counselor. Both were impressed with the inclusiveness of the program. "It's a good mix of music and technology," comments Mayhew. "There's history, theory, recording, and composition."

Wilson and Mayhew agree that the program has led them to a more thorough understanding of music. Prior to their work with the program, neither had theory background nor composition training.

"A lot in the program caught me off-guard. But it's pretty exceptional," Wilson explains. "It's given me a firm foundation in many areas of audio, acoustics, and the physics of sound. And I've learned electronics and the digital side of things."

For students like Wilson and Mayhew, being at Ball State places them at a significant advantage. The Music Instruction Building boasts some of the best studio and recording facilities in the country. The floor plan features 11 different studios designed by CSO Architects and Michael Dennis, Inc.; acoustics were

configured by Roger Noppe of Purcell, Noppe & Associates; and the music technology system was integrated by David Carroll Associates. The facilities were so top-of-the-line that the newest Digidesign products were installed before their official company unveiling, and Ball State's facility was used in its marketing campaign.

All of the recording rooms are arranged for different sound capabilities and include surround-sound equipment. The mixing boards, although they appear traditional, are software-controlled and run via Macintosh computers.

Besides the intense curriculum and state-of-the-art facilities, the music technology program also offers professional opportunities for students, such as membership to the Audio Engineering Society or the International Computer Music Association. Many students, like Wilson and Mayhew, work for the university's Central Recording Services. In seminars and recitals, students are given the chance to learn from professional musicians, including award-winning artists.

"I've had the opportunity to work with two Grammy-winning artists in the studio," says Mayhew. "This year the Audio Engineering Society brought in [internationally known engineer] Jim Anderson."

And these well-rounded students are presented numerous opportunities after graduation. "There's a range of things they can get into," says Pounds. "Some go into recording and work in studios. They can do live sound or audio for video and film. Some are



Sophomores Kyle Kitzmiller (left) and Mike Weber (center) set sound for senior Nick Johnson during a studio class.

music directors at churches or start their own music businesses. Some write for music magazines, do music sales, or tech support. We've had a number of students go to graduate school for audiology or some sort of sound engineering."

Both Wilson and Mayhew would like to open their own recording studios, and neither is concerned about finding a job after graduation. "Our alumni are all over the place," comments Wilson. "There's so much we're prepared to do."

Mayhew, who already does some independent recording, is excited about his career opportunities. "I want to be a producer and an engineer," he says. "I want to transcend that gap between mixing music and producing music. Most people do one or the other. I want to do both."

The music technology program produces intelligent students, adept in theory, composition, performance, science, and technology. Well-versed in the most up-to-date software in the business, the music industry will have a tough time dealing something for which these students aren't prepared. ■

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Downtown Indianapolis Center opens

Ball State unveiled its high-tech, interactive education, research, information, and outreach center in downtown Indianapolis in November 2006.

The grand opening of the Ball State Indianapolis Center, located at 50 S. Meridian Street, showcased many of the key economic development initiatives in Indianapolis to which Ball State has contributed.

The university opened the Indianapolis Center in May to offer educational opportunities for working professionals and provide key resources for Indianapolis and state leaders. The center promotes job growth and economic and quality-of-life development initiatives.

President Jo Ann Gora, Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, and Tamara Zahn, president of Indianapolis Downtown Inc., spoke during a brief ceremony hosted by Gerry Dick, president and managing editor of Grow Indiana Media Ventures and the



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creator/host of *Inside Indiana Business*, a weekly program on WTHR-TV in Indianapolis.

The first floor of the center includes interactive kiosks that allow visitors to explore digital films, art, and animation created at Ball State, search for information about the university's programs, and learn about Ball State's on-going quality-of-life development efforts in the capital city.

A bookstore for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) also is housed on the first floor. The lower level includes a research hub for the Center for Media Design (CMD), in which companies can partner with Ball State on marketing research.

Ball State's College of Architecture and Planning: Indianapolis Center (CAP:IC) also is located on-site, allowing the university to continue its award-winning work on Indianapolis urban planning and design projects. CAP:IC previously operated a center on West Washington Street.

The second and third floors are a combination of office space and classrooms where individuals can take master's degree courses in business administration, urban design, special education, educational administration and supervision, public relations, and executive development for public service. AIA's Indiana office also is on the third floor.



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Interactive kiosks include digital films, art, and animation created at Ball State, and information about university programs and Ball State's ongoing quality-of-life development efforts in Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis Center is located in the heart of Downtown Indianapolis. Within two blocks of the Center are Circle Centre Mall, the Indianapolis Artsgarden, Monument Circle, the City-County Building, and the Indiana State Capitol Building.

Winter ceremony honors 1,183 graduates

Ball State honored 1,183 graduating students in December 2006, during winter commencement ceremonies.

Terry King, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, presided over the event and President Jo Ann M. Gora addressed the graduates.

About 9,000 people attended the program, which recognized students who completed their degree requirements by the end of the fall semester. There were 785 graduates receiving bachelor's degrees, 244 master's degrees, 134 associate degrees, and 20 doctoral or specialist in education degrees.

Ball State to test, deploy WiMAX technology

Ball State's Office of Wireless Research and Mapping (OWRM) is among the first to test and deploy new WiMAX technology in the United States.

Using a six-month experimental license granted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the OWRM is partnering with Alvarion, the world's largest manufacturer of wireless broadband, and Digital Bridge Communications, a provider of broadband wireless services to rural and underserved communities. They will test WiMAX technology on equipment at 3.5GHz, a frequency used outside of the United States.

Researchers from OWRM are putting the WiMAX technology through a variety of tests in order to find out more about connectivity, throughput, capacity, signal strength, and penetration inside the home under variables such as weather, trees, elevation, and distance.

Greek alumni newsletter debuts

Alumni of Ball State's fraternities and sororities who reside in Indiana will be able to stay connected with the Greek community through a new newsletter. The first edition of the Greek Alumni Newsletter is expected to be distributed early in 2007, with a second edition planned during spring semester.

Highlighting activities and accomplishments of all three councils, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the newsletter will keep alumni informed on events and programs occurring within the Greek community on campus. It is sponsored by Ball State's Office of Student Life.

Working with the newsletter is Lynda Wiley, director of the Office of Student Life, and graduate assistants LaToya Black and Kyle Lineback.

In addition to the newsletter, the Office of Student Life has prepared a strategic plan draft for Greek Life at Ball State. The draft is in the working stage and alumni are invited to review and provide input. Find the Greek Strategic Plan and the opportunity to offer feedback through the Web site: www.bsu.edu/greeklife.

Ball State programs garner national awards

Online nursing program ranks among nation's largest

U.S. News and World Report has cited Ball State's online nursing master's degree program as one of the nation's largest and the largest in the Midwest.

For the third consecutive year, the publication has ranked the School of Nursing's online degree master's program among the nation's top ten. This year, the program is ranked seventh.

Urban Planning program earns multiple national rankings

Ball State's urban planning graduate program has been listed as one of the nation's best, according to a new national publication.

Planetizen 2007 Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs, which based its rankings on a compilation of statistical data and surveys of architecture and planning practitioners and academics, rated Ball State 17th nationwide. Multiple specialty areas were also ranked in the top ten, including: zoning administration, fifth; lowest tuition, fifth; technology, sixth; land use planning, seventh; and historic preservation, seventh.

The accolades in the inaugural publication place Ball State with excellent company. To put the overall ratings into context, 14 of the 16 programs listed ahead of Ball State have doctoral programs.

Writing program wins national award

Ball State's writing program has been honored for its work in teaching composition to students.

The program received the Conference on College Composition and Communication's (CCCC) Writing Program Certificate of Excellence for 2006-07. Ball State representatives will receive the honor Friday, March 23, 2007 at the CCCC conference.

The CCCC awards committee recognized the Ball State program as "exemplary due to its solid approach to teaching composition as an act of reading and writing across modes of communication."

The program also was cited for its excellence in meeting the needs of students and faculty, including offering faculty professional development opportunities and using best teaching practices.

Started in the 1960s, Ball State's writing program is administered by the university's English department.

The CCCC, with 6,000 members worldwide, supports and promotes the teaching and study of college composition and communication.

Human resources program honored by national organization

Ball State's human resources management program recently received national recognition from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) for following the organization's guidelines of excellence in education.

SHRM honored the program, offered through the Department of Marketing and Management in the Miller College of Business, after reviewing its curriculum. Ball State is one of five universities and colleges in the country to be recognized by SHRM.

Ball State's human resource management program prepares graduates to assume positions of responsibility and leadership in a wide range of business, government, and civic organizations.

SHRM is the world's largest human resource management association and serves the needs of human resources professionals by providing essential and comprehensive resources. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 550 affiliated chapters and members in more than 100 countries.



News Research Institute to fund four faculty projects

Ball State's recently created News Research Institute (NRI) will fund four faculty projects to study various issues facing the news media.

NRI will provide \$20,000 for the research projects as part of its mission to identify and offer practical solutions to issues impacting the news industry and its consumers.

The projects will bring together interdisciplinary groups of students with faculty for immersive learning experiences, and educate upcoming journalists through rigorous immersive learning projects.

The projects and faculty include Blogs and Audience Engagement; the North Central High School Project; Community-Centered, Personalized Internet News; and WebFirst v1.1.

Blogs and Audience Engagement will examine whether journalist-written blogs attract readers to online newspaper sites. Faculty researchers include journalism professors Lori Demo and Mary Spillman, and Larry Dailey, a journalism professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, who previously taught at Ball State.

The North Central High School Project will build upon earlier work by Ball State researchers **Marilyn Weaver**, '65MA70EdS81, chairman of the Department of Journalism; and **Dan Waechter**, '87MA93, assistant professor of journalism. The project includes redesigning the Indianapolis school's Web site to include content

produced in the journalism and television programs, and adding a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed from *The Indianapolis Star*. Additional research will analyze the site's use by visitors.

Community-Centered, Personalized Internet News Aggregator will build an interactive Web site that provides RSS news feeds. Paul Buis, a computer science professor, will analyze the types of news articles read by visitors to the site to create a personalization system.

WebFirst v1.1 is a continuation of a project started last spring to examine how small newspapers can evolve by creating a conversation between Web

and print as well as developing new forms of nonlinear, interactive storytelling.

Journalism professors Demo and **Jennifer George-Palilonis**, '96MA04,

will create an instructional compact disc and Web site for the industry.

The projects are to be completed by this May.

NRI is the fourth immersive learning institute created at Ball State as a result of a \$20 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to fund the Digital Exchange, an initiative expanding opportunities for students to participate in innovative, immersive



Dan Waechter



Marilyn Weaver

educational experiences.

The other institutes, administered by Ball State's Center for Media (CMD), are the Institute for Digital Entertainment and Education (IDEE), the Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts and Animation (IDIAA), and the Institute for Digital Fabrication and Rapid Prototyping (IDFRP).

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New international student enrollment up 29 percent

Ball State has recorded a record-high for its international student enrollment. New enrollment increased 29 percent in fall 2006, with 193 students representing 51 countries entering Ball State. The total breaks the 1996 record of 171.

Multimedia campaign for HD movie

Ball State is testing new promotion techniques for the next generation of movie makers. TCOM students are

creating a digital media blitz by using Facebook, MySpace, iTunes, and YouTube to market a recently completed high-definition student film, *Ellie and Marianne*, based on author Jane Austen's book, *Sense and Sensibility*, to their peers.

The two-hour movie has been divided into three segments and is made available through iTunes, WCRD-TV, WCRD-FM (91.3), and WCRD.net, Ball State's student-managed campus media outlets, broadcast live for the premiere of the film in December. Representatives from Apple Computer were on hand to demonstrate how to upload the movie onto an iPod.

Ball State TCOM professors Tim Pollard, **Stan Sollars**, '78MA80, and **Rich Swingley**, '87, led student teams in the movie project.

CAP creates eco-lab

Architecture students and professors at Ball State are working to create sustainable living in the Midwest by utilizing recycled materials in the building process.

The immersive learning project will be funded by grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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Engaging Artwork

Innovative artists display works at
Ball State University Museum of Art

by Katherine Tryon

Visitors entering Ball State's Museum of Art are welcomed by a cicada-like buzzing from hundreds of miniature, indigo-glowing robots suspended from the museum's ceiling. "Bion," created by Adam Brown and Andrew H. Fagg, is one of many pieces in the new interactive exhibit, "Engaging Technology: A History and Future of Intermedia," which opened in November 2006, and continues until mid-March.

"Engaging Technology" is an example of the museum's continual rotation of special temporary exhibits. The exhibit focuses on Intermedia, which John Fillwalk, guest curator of the exhibit and director of Ball State's Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts and Animation at the Center for Media Design, describes as a discipline encompassing "the gray area between media and art."

Fillwalk chose interactive works from around the country, and one from Korea, to depict the evolution of technology-based art from the 1960s to the present and into the future.

The exhibit depends heavily upon viewer interaction. "We are conditioned not to touch," says Fillwalk, comparing the exhibit to the traditional art museum experience. "But these pieces are interactive." By becoming a distinct participant in the artwork, the viewer is breaking the old stereotype of "look, but don't touch."

In the summer of 2006, the museum acquired its first electronic work of art, "Signs of our Times," by Jenny Holzer, an American conceptual artist. The Piece played a role in bringing the "Engaging Technology" exhibition to Ball State. "We always try to provide an intellectual and artistic context when we exhibit a work of art," says Peter Blume, director of the Ball State Museum of Art. "In wanting

Photos in this feature, courtesy of the artists: "Night Space," Richard Bloes; "Bion," Adam Brown and Andrew Fagg; "Messa di Voce," Golan Levin and Zachary Lieberman.

"Night Space" (Page 16, Top) 1999 by Richard Bloes, "Bion" (Page 17, Top) 2006 by Adam Brown and Andrew Fagg, and "Messa di Voce" (Page 17, Bottom) 2003 by Golan Levin and Zachary Lieberman are works of art featured in the exhibit, "Engaging Technology: A History and Future of Intermedia."

Jenny Holzer

by Katherine Tryon

"A little knowledge can go a long way." American Conceptual artist Jenny Holzer makes that statement in her best-known work, "Truisms."

The piece is a collection of statements written by Holzer and displayed in public places using various media. The statements originally appeared on posters at bus stops and stickers on parking meters. "Truisms" has also appeared on a larger scale, including being projected onto the Fifth Avenue side of the New York Public Library, and flashed across Time Square's enormous LED billboard.

The Ball State University Museum of Art is a distance from Times Square, but Holzer's work is shared with museum visitors through "Truisms," displayed on nine LED signs. The collective nine signs make up a larger, derivative work called "Signs of Our Times," acquired by the museum in the summer of 2006.

The piece is the first electronic addition to the museum's collection, and was the catalyst in extending an invitation to John Fillwalk, director of Ball State's Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts and Animation at the Center for Media Design. Fillwalk is guest curator for the exhibit, "Engaging Technology: A History and Future of Intermedia."

Although "Signs of Our Times" is not included in the new exhibit, Holzer's work, "Televised Text," does make an appearance. The piece consists of a single-channel video displaying text with sound. The exhibit is one of the museum's continual temporary special exhibits, and can be seen through mid-March.



to give the Holzer LEDs context at the time of their first installation, we organized an exhibition of Intermedia using John Fillwalk as our guest curator."

The current exhibit's "Bion" is positioned just outside the Brown Study Room, waiting for guests to arrive. "Each robot in the interactive piece can sense a person's presence," says Fillwalk. "The robots emit a humming noise. However, once you have entered the space [the robots]

"People like to interpret. There's a lot of ambiguity. This piece can spark their imagination." — Richard Bloes

alert other robots to your presence and become quiet. If you stand still for a minute, they get used to your presence and begin to light up and buzz again."

The exhibit includes a gallery where an interactive timeline teaches visitors about the history of Intermedia and its artists. Controlled by the wave of a hand over a glass kiosk, the timeline moves forward or backward in time. A touch-screen computer allows participants to move beyond the timeline and learn more about Intermedia art and artists.

Golan Levin and Zachary Lieberman, with collaboration from Jaap Blonk and Joan La Barbara, created "Messa di Voce," another

piece in the exhibit. Through the use of interactive software, a participant's shadow appears on a projected picture on a screen in front of them. Projection settings respond differently to noise. The software interprets sound into bubbles and swirls, and then it displays them on the screen. By making noise into a microphone on the stage, the viewer becomes actively involved in the piece of art, making the experience truly unique for each individual.

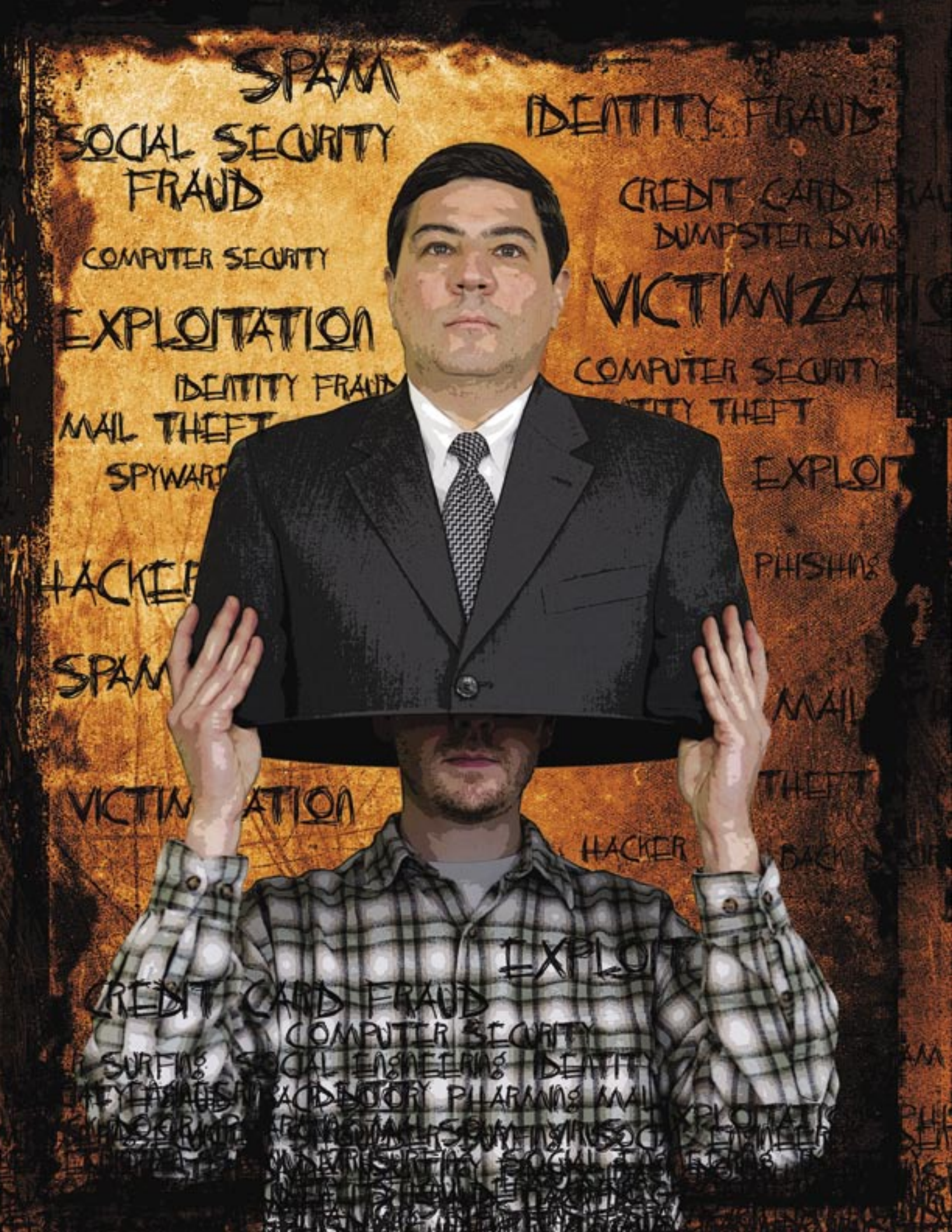
In contrast to the playfulness of "Messa di Voce," "Night Space," by Richard Bloes, invites a more cognitive experience. The work, though not hands-on, evokes participation by allowing the viewer to interpret the piece.

Inspired by the concept of a dream, the work shows a materialization of dream images. Two videos accompany the structure and show the same action from different perspectives: the builder's and the artwork's. The videos are synchronized to help create an environment that

welcomes interpretation. "People like to interpret. There's a lot of ambiguity. This piece can spark their imagination," says Bloes.

Each piece of art invites visitors into the "Engaging Technology" exhibit. Once patrons have satisfied their imagination, the gentle insect-like hum and twinkling-blue lights into "Bion" escorts them out of the museum just as it welcomed them when they first arrived. ■





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IDENTITY FRAUD
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Identity Theft

Are you safe?

by Laura Ford

While shopping in a retail establishment, a man was denied a store credit card. He discovered someone had used his personal information to open and max out a major credit card. Because the criminal used a different address from the victim's, there was no immediate way to know his identity had been stolen.

Unfortunately, the victimization didn't stop there.

After the victim sufficiently proved his identity had been misused, the bank that issued the credit card identified the account as fraudulent and promised to repair his credit record. The victim received three ensuing collection notices, two from the bank and one from a collection agency.

The bank had sold his account, passing on the victimization.

The bank never apologized, but his credit record was eventually cleared, and the thief has not been successful in using the victim's identity for further purposes.

In another instance, a woman's identity was compromised when her purse was stolen from her office. The individual who took her belongings almost instantly used her ATM card to withdraw a significant sum of money. Though her PIN was not on her ATM card, it was written on a paper within her purse, making it easy for the thief.

The woman was quick to notify her bank and credit card companies, which deterred the thief from further action. She also filed a police report.

Though vague video images were captured through a surveillance camera, no one came forward to identify the culprit, and he was not prosecuted.

The purse and its contents were never found.

These actual accounts only touch the surface of the potential harm caused by identity theft, a crime that has been defined as the fastest growing of this century.

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, 19 people become new victims of identity theft every minute.

Defining Identity Theft

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has reported that in any given year ten-million adults can fall victim to identity theft. In recent years, the number of victims has diminished slightly, while the amount of money obtained per victim has grown. According to a 2006 Javelin Strategy and Research and Better Business Bureau (BBB) survey, the mean fraud amount per fraud

victim has risen from \$5,249 in 2003 to \$6,383 in 2006.

"It's a crime that has grown along with the value and accessibility of personal information," says Jerry McKean, professor of criminal justice and criminology at Ball State. "We have become more dependent upon information exchanges as a way to do financial transactions, [and] it's created the opportunities for the crime."

According to Indiana law, "identity theft involves a person who knowingly or intentionally obtains, possesses, transfers, or uses the identity information of another person, including that of a person who is deceased, without the other person's consent and with the intent to harm

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Be cautious of self-serve swipe devices. The magnetic strip information can be picked up by receiving devices hooked to laptop computers.

or defraud another person, assume another person's identity, or profess to be another person."

"It's a crime with a fairly low risk of detection," says McKean. "The access is so easy to get and very often those in the best position to detect the offense aren't as motivated as perhaps they should be."

He adds that companies are not as forthcoming as they should be in notifying consumers when there is a security breach. "[Identity theft] is an unusual crime in the sense that very often the victim is the last one to know that the victimization has occurred, and the people who could have informed the victim fail to do so."

Identity theft is not only problematic to individual victims, but also to the country's, and the world's economy. In the United Kingdom the Home Office, the branch of government responsible for police and the justice system in England and Wales, reported that identity theft cost the economy 1.7 billion pounds in 2006. In the United States, according to the FTC, businesses lose about \$50 billion a year to the

crime, while victims lose an additional \$5 billion to undo the damage.

The FTC is the central agency handling identity theft cases, helping consumers, businesses, victims, and law enforcement. The organization works with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Department of Justice, the U.S. Secret Service, and others to fight identity theft and reduce the number of occurrences.

Your Individual Responsibility

The best way to prevent identity theft is by taking personal responsibility. One should monitor financial accounts and billing statements, request a free credit report yearly, keep up with the latest tips

and news, and be cautious in sharing personal information.

When personal information is compromised and fraud has occurred, there are certain steps that should be taken immediately.

The FTC advises victims to first contact one of the credit reporting agencies—Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion—and have a fraud alert placed on their files. Secondly, one should call creditors or other institutions where personal information has been misused and follow the phone call with a written letter and dispute the account(s). Also, it is important to acquire a letter resolving the disputed fraudulent account(s). Third, the crime should be reported to the local police department and the victim should obtain a copy of the police report. And fourth, the crime should be reported to the FTC.

By filing a report, the victim allows the FTC to share complaints with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and some credit bureaus, to create an identity theft report, and to correct and prevent fraudulent activity more efficiently.

Labeled a white-collar crime, identity theft affects each victim differently, and to various extents. And, though it is impossible to become invincible to the



Nearly 70 percent of consumers are shredding documents, so that trash as a source of data compromise is now less than one percent.

potential of being victimized, one can lessen the chance through awareness.

According to complaint data collected by the FTC in 2005, credit card fraud is the most common way for a victim's identity to be misused.

Thieves acquire personal information through various means: by stealing mail from residential areas, requesting personal information via the telephone or e-mail, computer hacking, "dumpster diving," or as an employee with access to privileged information. Other ways include eavesdropping—when information such as a credit card or social security number is shared in a public place or on a cell phone—and old-fashioned methods, such as having a purse or wallet stolen.

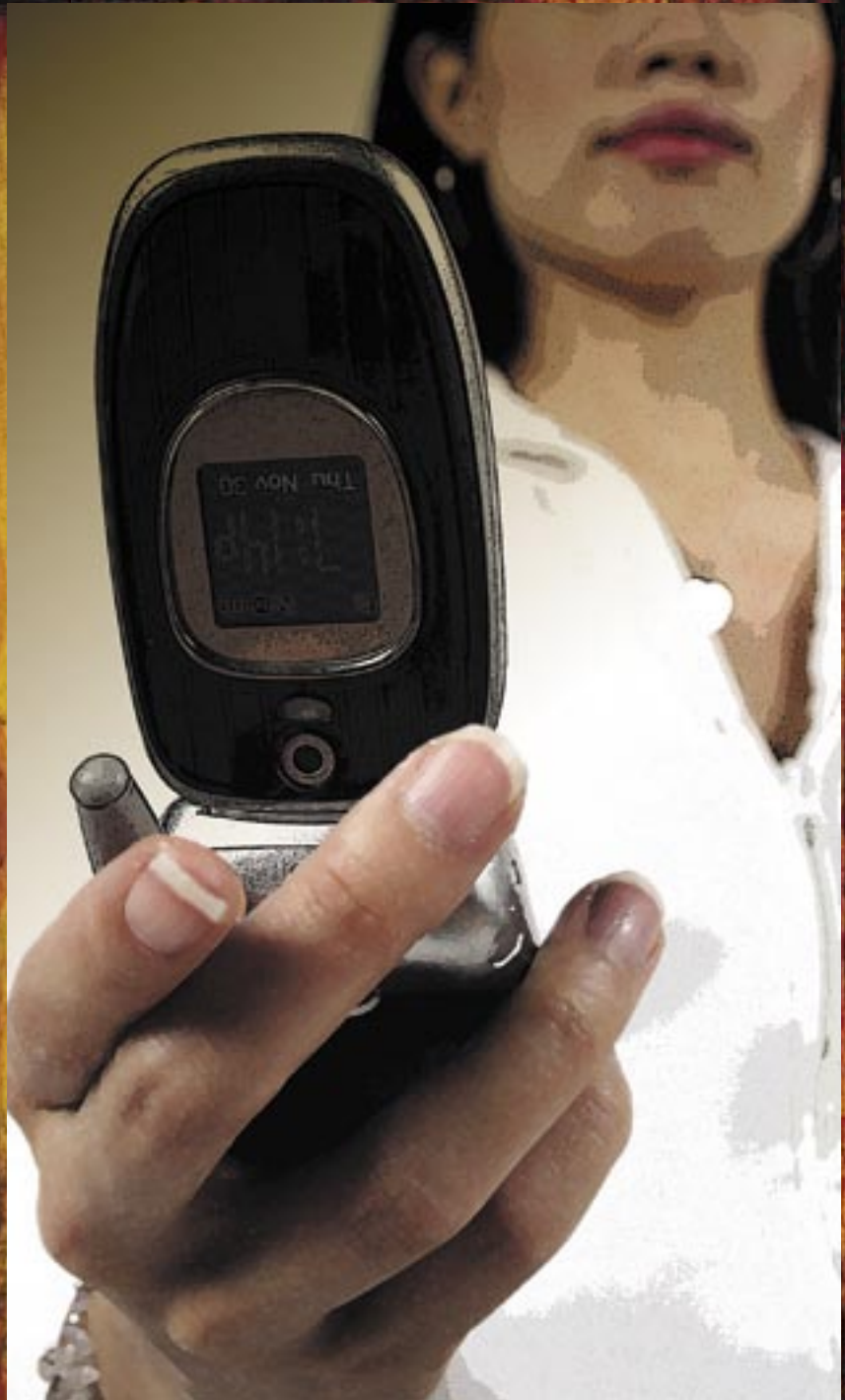
Preventive measures to safeguard personal papers are simple. Using a shredder, one that crosscuts, to avoid successful dives will help deter those who rummage through trash. And, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service offers options to help avoid potential opportunities for mail theft.

Advice includes depositing mail in a U.S. Postal Service collection box; not leaving mail in a mailbox overnight, on weekends, or while on vacation; and if statements, bills, or new credit cards do not arrive when expected, contacting the sender.

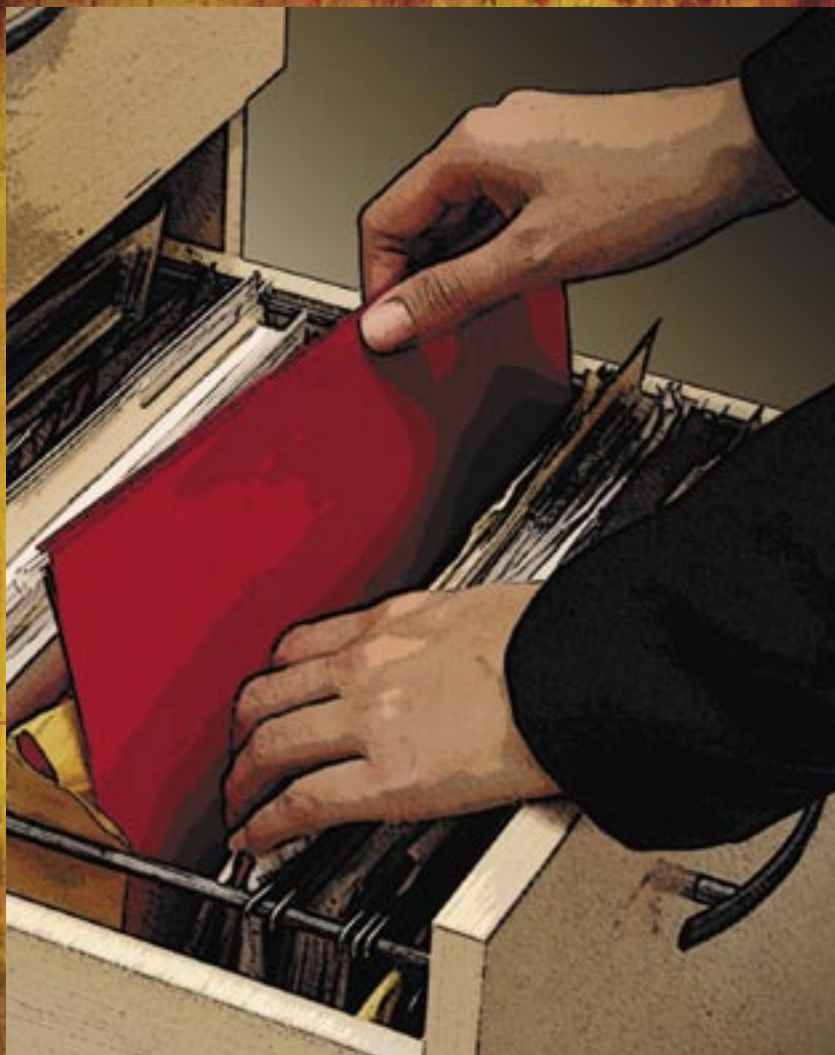
In a 2005 survey by Javelin Strategy and Research and BBB, it was noted that the majority of thieves continue to use traditional methods to obtain personal information rather than through electronic media, with 68.2 percent of the information acquired off-line, while 11.6 percent was acquired online.

However, it is important to take precaution when using the Internet. Firewall, anti-virus, and anti-spyware software should be installed and kept up-to-date.

Though the software will protect against hackers, "phishing," the impersonation of a reputable bank, business, or organization to gain personal information through pop-ups and e-mail, requires additional



Sergeant Rod Russell of the Indiana State Police advises to not give personal information over the telephone, especially cordless or cell phones. Conversation can be picked up through scanners and baby monitors.



By California law, businesses must ensure all documents are unreadable prior to disposing, even in electronic form. Companies that require personal information need to be held accountable for safeguarding it forever, or returning it to the consumer/owner when they no longer need it.

discernment. E-mail hoaxes, referred to as "spam," typically offer tempting deals, from products to all-expense-paid vacations, but do not prove to be what they claim and should be avoided.

Also, using a credit card to make a purchase online should be done with extreme caution. When making a

purchase, one should use a reputable site, connecting to it by typing in the address and not by clicking on a link. No site is 100 percent safe, so it is best to be mindful and read the security practices of each merchant.

"People don't realize the extent to which convenience causes crime," says

McKean. "There's always that trade-off between security and convenience."

McKean explains. "[In that regard,] the theft of identity follows the pattern that we see with other forms of theft. For example, over the years retailers have made it easier for customers to acquire merchandise without having to ask a clerk for assistance. But we don't like to shop that way anymore, so everything is available to the consumer, with the exception of extremely expensive items.

"The price merchants pay is a lot more shoplifting. Something similar happens in the convenience of using your credit in virtually any location now, from McDonald's to jewelry stores—in the United States, and that is, every time you share your information, you increase the likelihood that it will be stolen."

Marianne Vorhees, judge of Circuit Court 1 in Delaware County, agrees. "It can happen at a restaurant or a hotel. To give your credit or debit card to the server to pay for your meal at a restaurant, gives that person access to your number," she says.

She encourages caution, even with acquaintances. "Most identity theft will come from someone with whom you have direct contact," Vorhees says, mentioning family, friends, in-home employees, and neighbors.

A 2006 Javelin Strategy and Research and BBB report substantiates Vorhees's statement. The report indicates that when the perpetrator is identified, the result is that 47 percent of identity thefts committed are by someone close to the one exploited.

The most important item to protect is a social security number; it is one of the most credible personal identifiers. The Social Security Administration advises to never carry a social security card unless necessary, and to contact the administration if fraudulent activity occurs and request a Social Security Statement. A new number is only provided if there is proof of continued misuse after proper steps have been taken.

Preventing identity theft: it's never too late

by Sarah Davison

Sergeant Rod Russell of the Indiana State Police believes, "Education is the key to prevention, at least partially." The rest of it, he says, is up to the individual to take responsibility. For the past three years, Russell has spoken to an average of 200 people every week about identity theft, how individuals can protect themselves from it, and what to do if victimized.

"Identity theft has increased by leaps and bounds," Russell says. "Years ago it was [mainly] dumpster diving. Now, no one is immune."

Russell contends that people must personally take responsibility in guarding themselves against identity theft. "A lot of people become victims because they allow it," he says, adding that once that happens, "It's up to you to prove you're a victim." He urges people to think carefully before sharing any form of personal information. "There's a point in time when you've got to quit giving information about yourself," he says.

Russell recommends practicing extreme caution when providing personal information electronically. "Identity theft has been perpetuated by technology. There is no such thing as a secured site," he emphasizes.

Russell adds that it is never too late to begin guarding against identity theft and argues that the best form of prevention is simply to be on the lookout. In summarizing, he offers simple and succinct advice: "When in doubt—don't."

If an identity thief is opening credit accounts in your name, the accounts are likely to show up on your credit report. The law requires each of the major nationwide consumer reporting agencies to provide you with a free copy of your credit report annually, by request.

Retribution and Effects

By Indiana law identity theft is charged as either a Class D or C felony. The sentence for a Class D felony has a minimum of six months to a maximum of three years in jail. A Class C felony is a minimum of two years to a maximum of eight years.

"If you steal somebody's credit card and you go out and sign that person's name to that credit card receipt, that is forgery, a Class C felony," says Vorhees. "The D felony is when you purchase the merchandise and you take the merchandise home, that merchandise is now the subject of a theft."

According to Delaware County Prosecutor Mark McKinney, someone who steals personal information with the intent to sell has committed a Class D felony. However, he notes that the thief may receive harsher punishment depending upon the actions taken by the one he or she supplied with the information.

"Someone who steals personal information and sells it can be charged with being an accomplice to whoever uses the information, depending on the evidence in the case," he says. "[This is] because the buyer who used the information could not have committed their crimes without the help of the original thief."

In giving advice to victims, McKinney stresses to collect as much documentary evidence as possible. "Collecting supporting documents serves several purposes," he says. "It makes any potential criminal case stronger by providing corroborating physical evidence of the crime, preserves evidence in case the victim decides to file a civil action against the thief to recover damages, and is required by credit card and insurance companies, repeatedly."

According to McKinney, if a case is of monumental proportions, the federal government may step in on its own or at the request of a prosecutor.

When a case goes to federal court, it becomes the investigation of the U.S. Secret Service, the FBI, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Apart from state law, consumers and victims are well-protected under federal law. A number of federal laws have been designed or revamped to limit consumer liability for fraudulent acts, protect one's credit, and keep debt collectors from using unfair or deceptive practices. Such laws are outlined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Credit Billing Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices, and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act.

According to a Javelin Strategy and Research and BBB report, 11 percent of fraud cases in 2006 were caught through credit monitoring. And, thanks to an amendment to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, all three nationwide consumer reporting agencies are required to provide one free credit report every 12 months upon request.

Additional federal laws created to protect the consumer are outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act, all of which place limits on the dissemination of one's personal information.

The Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act, which contains penalties for more extreme cases, deals with terrorism and consecutive occurrences of identity theft. Though neither of these scenarios is common, both are taken very seriously by federal agencies when they occur.

The response to identity theft is not only evident with more severe punishments and the enactment of more laws to defend the exploited, but in obtaining greater resources and rights for consumers.



If you receive applications for "pre-approved" credit cards in the mail, but discard them without tearing up the enclosed materials, criminals may retrieve them and activate the cards.

The Identity Theft Resource Center is one of many resources created in defense of this crime. Founded by a victim of identity theft in 1999, the not-for-profit organization has become a major player with a focus on assisting victims and serving as a clearinghouse of information.

The FTC, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Privacy Rights Clearinghouse also have developed resources available for consumers and victims, offering information through Web sites, pamphlets, and videos.

In summary, McKean suggests not dwelling upon the potential of being victimized, but remaining alert. "[Identity theft] is not something you want to wake up in the middle of the night and worry about," he says. "It's just one of those hazards of life. You also might get in a traffic accident and a meteor might come through the roof, and all kinds of stuff could happen, but don't get too hung up on it. Be careful, but don't be paranoid." ■

**For further
information visit:**

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Cardinal football players earn conference honors



Brian Jackson

Six Cardinal football players have received Mid-American Conference recognition. They are: Brian Jackson (Dothan, AL/Northview H.S.), Chris Miller (Libertyville, IL/Carmel H.S.), Cortlan Booker (West Lafayette/West Lafayette H.S.), Erik Keys (Indianapolis/Broad Ripple H.S.), Dante Love (Cincinnati, OH/Withrow H.S.), and Darius Hill (Blue Springs, MO/Blue Springs H.S.).

Jackson, a senior placekicker, was named the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year and to the All-

MAC Second Team. He led the conference with an 89.5 field goal percentage, led the MAC with a 97.4 percent mark on extra points, was second in the conference with 17 field goals made, and ranked fourth in the league in scoring with 7.3 points per game. Jackson connected on 17-of-19 field goals and made 37 of 38 extra points in 2006.

He made 49 career field goals, which ranks as the third-best mark in Ball State history, while his 111 career extra points set a new Ball State school record. He currently ranks 12th in the nation with 1.42 field goals per game and is 29th in the nation in scoring.

Miller, who was named to the All-MAC First Team, led the MAC and ranks second in the country with a 46.26 punting average. He punted 57 times for 2,637 yards, with a long punt of 78 yards.

Of his 57 punts, 20 were downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line, ten were touchbacks, and six

were fair catches. Opponents returned 26 punts for a 7.2-yard average with a long return of 15 yards.

Booker, Keys, and Love were named to the All-MAC Second Team, along with Jackson. Booker ranked fourth for the Cardinals in tackles with 64 and led the team with 14 tackles, adding five sacks, one fumble recovery, two forced fumbles, and four quarterback hurries.

Keys led Ball State with 90 tackles and tied a school record with four fumble recoveries. He added four tackles for loss, one sack, and one interception, which he returned 35 yards for a touchdown at Michigan.

Love led Ball State with 52 catches for 735 yards and four touchdowns. He also averaged 4.4 yards per rush and had one rushing touchdown while averaging 16.6 yards per kickoff return.

Hill, who received honorable mention on the All-MAC team, tied a BSU school record with ten

touchdown receptions. He tallied 42 catches for 741 yards, with a 17.6 yards-per-catch average this season.



Hoke signs three-year contract extension

Ball State head football coach **Brady Hoke**, '82, has signed a three-year contract extension.

Hoke is under contract to serve as Ball State's head football coach through the 2010 season.

A four-year football letterman at Ball State from 1977-80, and a team captain for the Cardinals as a senior, Hoke was named the school's head football coach in 2002. He was one of only 18 NCAA Division I-A head coaches in the country who were coaching at their alma maters in 2006.

Ball State finished its 2006 season 5-3 in the Mid-American Conference and 5-7 overall.

Quay gains NFHCA all-region accolades



Ball State senior Lindsay Quay (Macungie, PA/Emmaus H.S.) has been named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-West Region Second Team.

Quay finished her senior season with 14 goals to lead Ball State and rank second in the Mid-American Conference. She was named the league's Player of the Year and also was

honored as an All-MAC First Team selection for the third year in a row. Quay is one of five MAC players to be selected to the region's second team.

In addition, Quay ranked first in the MAC with 106 shots, second in the conference with four game-winning goals, and fourth in the league with 30 points.



Ball State fun facts

— Did you know?

The women's basketball team started the 2006-07 season with a 6-1 record, matching the best start in program history and equaling the starts of the 1975-76 and 2005-06 seasons.



McCormick, Breivogel named to women's volleyball All-MAC squads

Senior libero Amanda McCormick (Muncie/Muncie Burriss H.S.) has been named the 2006 Mid-American Conference Women's Volleyball Defensive Player of the Year, and has been selected to the All-MAC First Team. Freshman outside attacker Julie Breivogel (Boonville/Boonville H.S.) has received a MAC All-Freshman Team selection.

McCormick owns the nation's highest dig total on the year, racking 830 digs in BSU's 29 matches. In her two seasons with the Cardinals (2005-06), McCormick has logged 1,557 digs to rank third on BSU's all-time list. Prior to joining the Cardinals, McCormick tallied 718 digs in two seasons at Nebraska (2003-04) to give her a current career total of 2,275. According to the NCAA Division I Record Book, McCormick's 2,275 career digs place fifth in NCAA history.

Breivogel sparked the BSU offense all season and led the team, ranking in the top ten in the league with a 3.46 kills-per-game average. She amassed 374 kills and hit a .185 clip. She also led the team with 409 points, while adding 164 digs, 37 total blocks, and nine aces. Breivogel paced the Cardinals in kills a team-best 16 times, while racking up double-figure kills in a team-high 22 contests.



Amanda McCormick



Julie Breivogel

Rogers named to baseball "watch list"

Ball State junior outfielder Justin Rogers (St. Paris, OH/Graham H.S.) has been placed on the 2007 Wallace Watch, a list of 148 student-athletes eligible for the Brooks Wallace Award presented to the College Baseball Foundation's player of the year.

Rogers returns as Ball State's leading hitter in 2007 after batting .347 as a sophomore on Ball State's 2006 NCAA Regional participant team. He logged 13 doubles, five home runs, and 44 RBIs last season

on his way to earning All-Mid-American Conference Second Team honors. Rogers hit .560 over the Cardinals' final 14 games, helping Ball State to a 12-2 stretch and a second-place finish in the MAC West Division.



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Junior outfielder Justin Rogers was one of only five players placed on the Wallace Watch list for 2007.

Rogers was one of five MAC players named to the list, joining John Ely of Miami, Steve Bradshaw of Eastern Michigan, Scott Simon of Northern Illinois, and Bryan Mitzel of Central Michigan.

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Baseball: Dean Anna (Mokena, IL/Lincoln Way East H.S.), T.J. Baunet (Brownsburg/Brownsburg H.S.), Aaron Etchison (Pendleton/Pendleton Heights H.S.), Michael Lucas (Anderson/Anderson H.S.), and Kolbrin Vitek (Bryan, OH/Bryan H.S.) have each signed a national letter of intent to attend Ball State and play for the baseball program.

Men's Basketball: Melvin Goins (Humble, TX/Christian Life Center Academy) has signed a national letter of intent to compete on the men's basketball team.

Men's Golf: Anthony Novak (Michigan City/Michigan City H.S.) and Eric Steger (Noblesville/Noblesville H.S.) have each signed a national letter of intent to attend Ball State and compete for the men's golf program.

Men's Tennis: Shaun Bussert (Decatur, GA/Decatur H.S.) has signed a national letter of intent to attend Ball State and play for the men's tennis program.

Women's Basketball: Kara Frandsen (Edwardsville, IL/Edwardsville H.S.), Shannon Klei (Cold Spring, KY/Newport Central Catholic H.S.), and Emily Maggert (Paris, IL/Paris H.S.) have signed

national letters of intent to participate on the women's basketball team.

Women's Tennis: Hayley Hall (Muncie/Delta H.S.) has signed a national letter of intent to attend Ball State and compete for the women's tennis program.

Ronny Thompson paces the sidelines during a recent home game at Worthen Arena.

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RONNY THOMPSON LEADS BALL STATE'S MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

by Jacob Laskowski

Five games into this season, Ball State's new men's basketball coach Ronny Thompson took his team to Washington, D.C. to face nationally-ranked Georgetown University in a game that held more than a little personal connection for the coach.

Both Thompson and his father, legendary Hall of Fame coach John Thompson, coached at the D.C. school. The younger was an assistant during the late 1990s and his father was head coach of the program for 27 seasons, including a 1984 National Championship and 20 post-season appearances.

Three of the post-season appearances included Ronny Thompson, the player. Thompson began his own collegiate playing career in 1989 at Georgetown, where he was captain of the team his senior year. He and his teammates reached the 1989 NCAA Final Four in addition to a pair of Sweet 16 appearances during his time as a Hoya.

"It's an experience second to none," Thompson says of his tournament appearances. "I hope that I can draw from it in terms of being a coach. None of [the Ball State players] have experienced that and, hopefully, I can give them that experience."

When Thompson and the Cardinals went to Washington in November 2006, he was trying to get his team some experience with facing bigger opponents. The 18th ranked Hoyas, now led by Thompson's older brother, John Thompson III, answered the call.



Ronny Thompson (right) shares a hug with his brother, John Thompson III, after the loss to Georgetown.

With all of the factors that tied Thompson to the game, his father had advised both him and his brother to think otherwise when they began looking at scheduling a game against each other.

"My father didn't like to play guys he was friends with because of the strain," Thompson told *USA Today* in a pre-game interview. "But it's my brother. I'll be angry with him for the two-and-a-half hours of the game, and then we'll be fine."

Despite his sons' unwillingness to listen to his advice, dad John Thompson sat on the baseline to watch the game as his eldest son's Hoyas defeated the Cardinals, 69-54. In an effort to be

neutral, the senior Thompson wore a black baseball cap embroidered with a "T" for "Thompson."

Thompson's brother went to the Ball State locker room following the game.

“He said that watching us on film, he had no idea how hard we played. It was good for them to hear and I know they appreciated it,” Ronny Thompson says.

When Thompson joined the Cardinals in April 2006, he was leaving a three-year stint as an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas.

Before that, after graduating Georgetown and briefly working in the highly competitive world of Wall Street, Thompson returned to the basketball court in 1993, first as an assistant coach for the University of Oregon, then at Loyola College in Maryland and Georgetown, and two years as an NBA scout for the Philadelphia 76er’s and Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown.

During the press conference announcing Thompson as Ball State’s new head coach, Athletics Director Tom Collins said: “I have spoken to well over a hundred athletic directors, conference commissioners, and basketball coaches. One name that continued to come up in all my conversations was Ronny Thompson.”

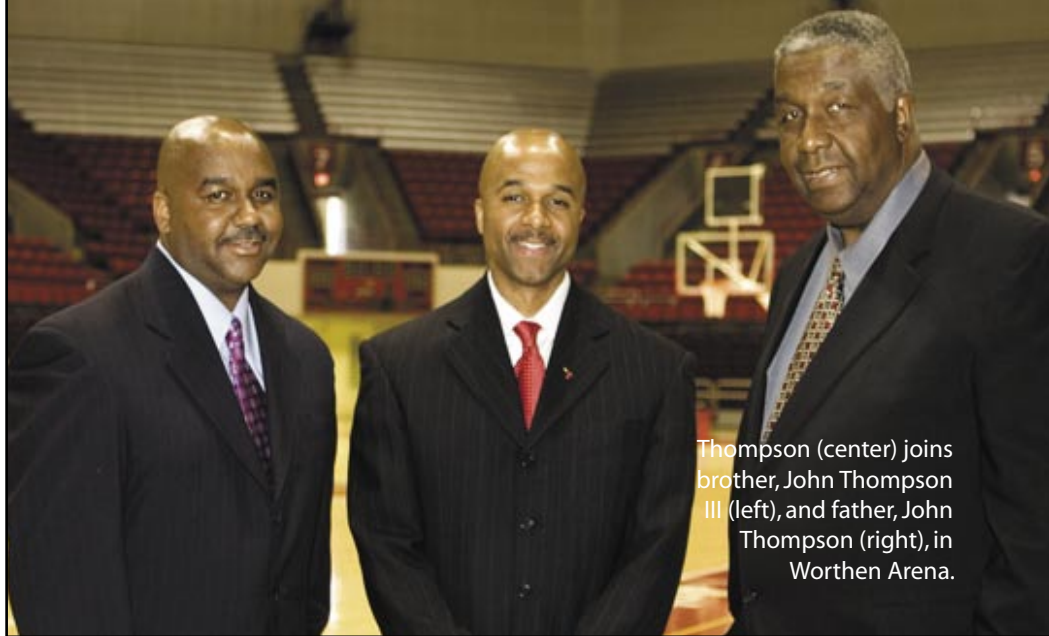
The new coach, whose family includes wife Erica and two children, Dylan and Devin, says he consulted his family, including his parents, his brother, and his wife, before making his decision to come to Ball State.

“In our family, we don’t make any decisions on our own. We all get together and talk,” he says. “[Ball State] seemed like a great fit.”

Thompson’s family was present as he was officially announced head coach



Thompson speaks to reporters in April 2006 during his first press conference as Cardinal head coach.



Thompson (center) joins brother, John Thompson III (left), and father, John Thompson (right), in Worthen Arena.

of the Cardinals, making history with his brother as one of only two sets of brothers who currently lead men’s basketball programs at NCAA Division I schools.

Thompson’s parents attended their son’s first game, Ball State’s home opener in November, as the Cardinals won, 81-42, over Northern Colorado.

The win also was Ball State’s 50th all-time home opening victory.

Thompson says his dad has had a lot of influence in leading him to become a coach. The elder Thompson, he says, has “been tremendous in terms of helping me prepare for this day.”

As he began coaching the Cardinals, Thompson said his dad told him, “Now the real work begins. And I knew what he meant when he said that,” says Thompson. “And now that I’m here, I see what he meant when he said it.”

Thompson, in a weekly press conference, shared his thoughts on a recent stretch of five games in eight days, which included the loss to Georgetown.

“I learned that we are resilient. I think that we competed for every minute of each game,” he said. “I also learned that we need to tighten up some things from a coaching standpoint, in terms of our plays and how we are executing. I thought it was a good gut check for our guys to see for themselves where they really

are. The guys are a little tired right now, but we do not have time to feel sorry for ourselves.”

He refers to the Georgetown game, pointing to missed shots from the field.

“We are in great condition and fatigue is definitely not the problem,” he says.

“Our decision-making on shots needs to improve and

we need to put more emphasis on driving the ball and getting to the foul line. I think we are a good shooting team and I feel we will be fine.”

When asked about what he hopes to accomplish at Ball State, Thompson summarizes simply. “I want to win. As simply as I can put it: I want to win.” ■

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—Ronny Thompson

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Maplewood Golf Club

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182 W. 300 N., Anderson
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CLASSNOTES

1920s

In Memoriam

Hazel R. (Foulke) Stohler, '28, New Castle, September 9, 2006.

1930s

In Memoriam

Lois Parker, '32, Danville, October 6, 2006.

Catherine E. (Parlon) Warner, '34, Huntington, October 6, 2006.

Mary E. (Blue) Devine, '35, West Lafayette, August 19, 2006.

Frank B. Kitchel, '35, Lynchburg, VA, November 20, 2006.

Esther F. (Miller) Searls, '35, Paso Robles, CA, September 11, 2006.

Wilbert A. Miller, '36, Franklin, October 16, 2006.

Carolyn E. (Cockefair) Metcalf, '37, Connorsville, September 24, 2006.

Clifford R. Baker, '38, Plymouth, MI, November 20, 2006.

1940s

In Memoriam

Betty J. Meyer, '40, Dublin, OH, October 25, 2006.

Nathan S. Steele, '40, Shelbyville, October 7, 2006.

Verona (Wade) Malone, '40, Anderson, November 25, 2006.

Alvin E. Lake, Jr., '41, Chelsea, MI, September 18, 2006.

Pauline (Rupel) Mish, '41, Honey Brook, PA, November 6, 2006.

Annie L. Williams, '41, Los Angeles, CA, November 19, 2006.

Robert G. Banta, '44, North Manchester, November 17, 2006.

Dorothy R. (Smith) Moore, '44, Carmel, November 19, 2006.

Wesley W. Ratliff, Jr., '46, Bloomington, August 30, 2006.

Junella M. (Schafer) Wornhoff, '46, Cedar Lake, November 21, 2006.

Eloise B. (Blackwood) Frank, '47, Columbia City, October 19, 2006.

Martha J. Burk, '47, Muncie, October 3, 2006.

Richard L. Balsley, '48, Anderson, October 17, 2006.

David L. Benjamin, '48, Marion, September 27, 2006.

Martha L. Scheidler, '48, Fishers, November 18, 2006.

Dale E. Croxton, '49, Anderson, November 25, 2006.

Judson S. Erne, MA49, Columbus, September 16, 2006.

Marilyn F. (Foust) Shaw, '49, Lapel, September 28, 2006.

HIGHLIGHT

by Sarah Kincheloe

Midnight emergencies, detecting blood clots, repairing broken bones, saving lives—it's all in a day's work for **Karey Claywell**, '00, a physician's assistant.

"I was always fascinated with medicine," she says of her interest in working in the medical field. "I wanted to help people, give back to them."

A physician's assistant (PA) is a licensed health professional. Typically, a PA works directly with a physician, assisting with surgeries, while conducting examinations, giving diagnoses, and writing prescriptions.

After graduating Ball State with a degree in athletic training, Claywell completed the Butler University PA program in two years. Typically, PAs have between four and eight years of schooling. They must be accredited, accomplished by sitting for a rigid board examination.

Claywell says she likes the flexibility her training allows, mentioning that as rationale for choosing between PA training and going the route of medical school. "I knew I wanted to start a family soon, so I didn't want to do four years of medical school and a residency at this time," she says.

Claywell adds that her profession offers a lot of autonomy. "I can change between different scopes of medicine," she says.

Karey Claywell



Karey Claywell has served as a physician's assistant (PA) in both orthopedics and rheumatology.

"When I was [in PA training], I enjoyed every rotation, so it was hard for me to decide. I like the flexibility of changing to a different field if I want to."

Claywell worked in spinal surgery at Central Indiana Orthopedics in Muncie until June 2006, when she switched fields and is now assisting at a rheumatology practice in Richmond.

With intense passion for her profession, Claywell says her focus is on her patients. "I think the most gratifying moments are when I help someone, decrease their pain, or improve their function. I love what I do."

J. Paul Georgi, '49, Crystal River, FL, October 27, 2006.

Eleanor G. (Gitzlaff) Hamblin, '49, Knox, October 23, 2006.

June M. (Hurley) Shumaker, '49, Daleville, October 13, 2006.

Charles L. Owens, '49, North Manchester, October 27, 2006.

Frederick A. Poor, '49, Wildwood, FL, October 24, 2006.

James C. Salrin, '49MA60, Troy, MI, October 7, 2006.

Joseph N. Staggs, Jr., '49, Muncie, September 18, 2006.

1950s

In Memoriam

Jack W. Buschor, '50, Fort Wayne, November 1, 2006.

Jack L. Diley, '50, Anderson, October 3, 2006.

James V. McKibben, '50MAE59, LaGrange, December 3, 2006.

Peter Austin, II, '53, Muncie, November 28, 2006.

Donald E. Bowman, '53, Centerville, March 12, 2006.

Robert D. Boyd, '53, Tarpon Springs, FL, December 3, 2006.

Doris (Herrin) Riner, MAE53, Swayzee, November 16, 2006.
Jessie A. (Murphy) Newton, '54MA63, Bristol, November 30, 2006.
Ann L. (Smith) Miller, '54, Dunkirk, November 25, 2006.
Keith A. Whicker, '54, Westfield, October 26, 2006.
Jerry D. Fettes, '57MA60, Bluffton, January 26, 2006.
Louis A. Kessler, '57, Bakersfield, CA, September 14, 2006.
Joy E. (Mayer) Muncie, '57, Lafayette, November 18, 2006.
Sandra E. Goller, '58MA60, Milwaukee, WI, August 17, 2006.
Louise G. (Hodson) Murray, '58, New Castle, November 27, 2006.
Melvin R. Reisenbichler, MA58, Three Oaks, MI, October 7, 2006.
Barbara J. (Fish) Greenland, '59MA62, Anderson, November 22, 2006.
Patricia A. (Micklitsch) Booth, '59, Wolfeboro, NH, October 17, 2006.

1960s

News

Alan K. Patrick, '64MA66, Albany, recently displayed his personal artwork at The Patrick Gallery.
Fredrick R. Spencer, '64, Anderson, has been elected to his fifth term as judge of the Madison County Circuit Court.
Michaeline K. (Varso) Chance Reay, '65MA67, Manhattan, KS, has received the 2006 Outstanding Faculty Member Award for Community Service from Kansas State University. She teaches in the College of Education and the Women Studies program at Kansas State.

In Memoriam

Joe Burnworth, '60MA64EdD78, Hartford City, October 23, 2006.
Lowell Grammer, '62MAE72, New Castle, October 21, 2006.
Joanne (Mosbaugh) Gentry, '62MA68, Noblesville, November 28, 2006.
Grace A. (Schmarr) Case, MA62, Lawrenceburg, December 5, 2005.
Robert H. Anderson, MA63, Fort Wayne, February 26, 2006.
Beth A. (Bambrough) Wells, '63MA67, Alexandria, October 2, 2006.
Louadda (Crisler) Marks, MA63, Fort Wayne, October 27, 2006.
William V. Berning, '64, Noblesville, November 25, 2006.
Delphine R. (Williams) Stewart, '64MLS70, Muncie, November 18, 2006.
Ronald B. Davis, '63MA67, Logansport, October 15, 2006.
Dixie (Dentel) Bowman, '63MA65, Fort Wayne, October 30, 2006.
Earl E. King, MA63, Bartow, FL, March 22, 2006.
Phillip L. Stewart, '63, New Castle, October 9, 2006.

Reece T. Heninger, MA65, Bloomington, October 31, 2006.
Jane E. (Stout) Fribley, MA65, Indianapolis, November 8, 2006.
Robert L. Bex, '66, Denver, October 19, 2006.
Ouida B. (Boatright) Alexander, MA66, North Augusta, SC, November 30, 2006.
Timothy P. Broderick, '66, Anderson, October 6, 2006.
Anna L. (Deese) Espey, MA66, Anderson, October 20, 2006.
Bert M. Jahn, '67, Frankfort, October 13, 2006.
Ginger K. Jackson, '68MA72, Winchester, November 29, 2006.
Mildred K. Burns, '69, Muncie, November 30, 2006.
John B. Edson, '69, Indianapolis, October 18, 2006.

1970s

News

Christine (Kagel) Mahr, 70, Indio, CA, has retired after 34 years as a reporter for *The Desert Sun* in Palm Springs, CA. She received awards from the Palm Springs and Desert Sands school districts for education reporting.
Constance J. (Sweitzer) Clauson, '70, South Bend, has retired after 36 years at LaSalle Elementary School in Mishawaka.
S. Joe DeHaven, '71, Fishers, has joined the Indiana Bankers Association in Indianapolis.
Michael S. Williams, '71, Carmel, has been appointed to the Herff Jones, Incorporated board of directors in Indianapolis.
Thomas W. Austin, '72MAE76, Elwood, has been selected District VI 2007 Superintendent of the Year for the Elwood Community School Corporation.
Janet J. (Hackman) Phillips, '72MAE77, Richmond, has retired after 34 years at Highland Heights Elementary School.
Sheila S. (Scheffler) Piunti, '72, Neenah, WI, has been named president of the Wisconsin Business Education Association. She teaches business at Winneconne High School and Middle School.
Mary M. (Hylton) Cook, '74, is president and CEO of Mary Cook, LLC, an organizational development firm. She is a member of Ball State's Miller College of Business Information Systems and Operations Management Advisory Board.
Philip W. Cartwright, '77, Granger, has joined BSA Lifestructures in Indianapolis as a senior planner for the facility consulting group.
Tom Harris, '77, Muncie, is the 2006 PGA Professional of the Year. He is head PGA golf professional at the Delaware Country Club.
Mark E. Vollmar, '78, Muncie, has been promoted to captain and commanding officer of the uniform division for the Muncie Police Department.

Marriages

Byron W. Kaiser, '79, Munster, to Candy (Kridler), October 28, 2006.

In Memoriam

Henry M. Williams, Jr., MA70, Huntsville, AL, November 13, 2006.
Robert F. B. Andersen, MA72, Flagstaff, AZ, April 4, 2006.
Charles W. Cox, EdD72, Barboursville, WV, October 8, 2006.
William Hancock III, '72MAE78, Galveston, TX, November 23, 2006.
Doris M. (Roetepohl) Addington, MA72, New Castle, November 29, 2006.
Nancy L. (Barnhart) Pratt, '73MAE77, Brownsburg, October 7, 2006.
Robert G. Brown, '73, Bloomington, July 4, 2006.
Harry N. Richardson, MA73, Muncie, November 18, 2006.
Phillip R. Baker, '74, Grand Rapids, MI, November 3, 2006.
John S. Hand, EdD74, Carmel, October 6, 2006.
James G. Vanleer, MAE74, Muncie, November 3, 2006.
John M. Sollman, '75MAE78, Vincennes, October 3, 2006.
Duane D. Schroeder, '76MA85, Marion, October 7, 2006.
Nancy L. (Smith) Pulley, MAE76, Carmel, November 20, 2006.
Fred E. Calloway, MA77, Arden, NC, October 14, 2006.
Joyce K. (McClunney) Carrier, '77, Muncie, October 21, 2006.
Rhonda G. (Walker) Hoffman, '77, Batesville, October 14, 2006.
Geraldine L. Smith, MA78, Springdale, AR, June 18, 2006.
Elizabeth A. (Waltz) McMichael, '78MAE81, Muncie, November 11, 2006.
Judith L. Peters, DA79, Niles, MI, October 18, 2006.

1980s

News

Loretta E. (Albea) Kroin, '81, Indianapolis, received the Advocate of the Year Award for 2006 from the Association for the Advancement of Psychology.
Judith A. (Banks) Ford, '83, Lewisville, TX, has been named southwest regional sales director for Pharmion Corporation, a global biotech company.
Larry A. Blade, Jr., '83, Albion, owns Grand Services Brokerage Company. He was married to Angela (Martz) in August of 2000.
Elsieferne V. (Mendenhall) Stout, MA83, Bloomington, recently published her autobiography, *Dundy County Babe*.
Deborah A. Bouchette, MA84, Hillsboro, OR, recently displayed her art at Washington Mutual Bank. She is a member of the Oregon Society of Artists.

Susan E. (Zimmerman) Endris, '84, Carmel, has joined BSA Lifestructures in Indianapolis.
Pamela S. (Bush) Sheppard, '85, Edgewood, KY, was recently promoted to national editor of *Answers* magazine.

Beth M. (Rivar) Slusher, '85, Noblesville, is CEO and owner of Rivar's, Incorporated, a custom show apparel design and manufacturing company.

Christopher A. Smith, '85, LaPorte, is superintendent of the South Central Community School Corporation.

Matthew H. Ranft, '87MS88, Carmel, is director of consulting services and partner at Technology Dynamics. He also is an adjunct professor at the University of Indianapolis and was recognized in "The Fast Track", a feature in *The Indianapolis Star*.

Julie A. Ieron, MA88, Des Plaines, IL, has published a three-book Bible studies series, *Sisters in Faith*.

Myrene E. Paul, PhD88, Tucson, AZ, has been featured in a chapter of *Mastering the World of Psychology*, a book used by colleges and universities nationwide.

Julie A. (Carson) Kern, '89, Sunman, has joined BSA Lifestructures in Indianapolis as a facility planner.

Robin L. (Lamott) Sparks, '89, Troy, NY, is director of internships and special projects at the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University of Albany.

In Memoriam

Jim A. Ogle, '80, South Bend, September 29, 2006.

David A. Phelps, Jr., '82, Knightstown, October 20, 2006.

Pamela J. (Waltz) Lybarger, '82, Cicero, November 9, 2006.

Kelly L. (Eakin) Zacarias, '83, Antioch, CA, September 27, 2006.

Ronnie N. Wolford, '83, Columbus, October 22, 2006.

Terry L. Wright, '84MA87, Muncie, October 10, 2006.

Gloria M. (Zanetti) Claxton, '84, Leo, April 5, 2006.

Karen S. (Stafford) Shields, '85, Valparaiso, October 5, 2006.

Debbie J. (Hauser) Templetom, '86, Bloomfield, October 8, 2006.

Darla J. Stafford, '87, Garland, TX, November 29, 2006.

Geraldine H. Lang, '88, Muncie, November 8, 2006.

Julie A. (Wiand) Hartley, '89, Alexandria, November 20, 2006.

1990s

News

Angelin A. Chang, '90BM91, Cleveland Heights, OH, has recently been nominated for a Grammy for her *Messiaen* CD with the Cleveland Chamber Symphony.

Michel W. Wildridge, '90, Indianapolis, is director for *Fox 59 Morning News* at WXIN-TV/Fox 59.

Nichole M. (Diver) Kinghorn, '91, Muncie, has been promoted to assistant vice president and trust marketing director at First Merchants Trust Company in Muncie.

Wendy R. (Eaton) Williams, '91, Westfield, has been named a technician for the planning implementation team at BSA Lifestructures in Indianapolis.

Alexandre Agbomi, PhD92, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, made a presentation for National Fulbright Day.

Debra J. (Lehmann) Brooks, '92, Indianapolis, has joined Baker and Daniels, LLP, a law firm in Indianapolis.

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information

Denise R. Ledsinger, '93MA97, Chicago, IL, has been named director of student services for the School of Continuing Studies at Northwestern University.

Kimberly A. Vess Halbur, '93, Fargo, ND, is associate dean of Student Affairs in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences at North Dakota State University.

John R. Winkler, II, '93, Indianapolis, has been named director of operations for Orbis Education.

Vivian L. (Nitecki) Wolf, '94, Huntertown, has been named news anchor for *Indiana's News Center Plus*, broadcast on WISE NBC 33 in Fort Wayne.

Gayle E. Hartleroad, '95MA97, Muncie, is director of student services for Ball State's Miller College of Business.

Roland V. Resurreccion, '95, Ewa Beach, HI, is a project manager architect for Pacific Asia Design Group in Honolulu, HI.

David J. Ulbrich, MA96, Muncie, teaches history and correctional education at Ball State. He is working on his doctorate.

Michael L. Bander, '98, Noblesville, is co-owner of a new Greek's pizzeria in Fishers.

Ryan O. Parks, '98, Indianapolis, has been named project coordinator at The Heavyweights, an advertising and marketing firm.

Rafael A. Domenech, '99, Noblesville, is co-owner of a new Greek's pizzeria in Fishers.

Mehran Rastakhiz, MPA99, Chesapeake Beach, MD, is chief of security in the emergency management branch at the Department of Labor, Mine Safety, and Health Administration.

Marriages

Heather A. (Jones), '94, Saint Augustine, FL, to Phillip Burnett, October 28, 2006.

Amy L. (Weimer), '94, Clearwater, FL, to Christopher Schroth, October 28, 2006.

Scott A. Rodgers, '95, Indianapolis, to Danielle N. (Diller), September 23, 2006.

Janice L. Hackbush, '97, to Thomas A. Cantrell, Fort Wayne, October 21, 2006.

Felecia J. (Cercone), '98, Kennesaw, GA, to Rocky Sveda, June 2006. Felecia works in sales and marketing at Lenbrook Retirement Community in Atlanta, GA.

Jennifer L. (Shaker), '99, Downingtown, PA, to Donald Bell, July 21, 2006.

Kelly R. (Wallen), '99, Newport, TN, to Doug Kitzmiller, August 2006.

New Additions

Lisa J. Berry-Tayman, '91, and Lorena (Trilby) Berry-Tayman, Lenexa, KS, a daughter, October 25, 2006.

Jacquelyn A. (Svigelj) Vanisko, '91, and her husband David, New Lenox, IL, a son, August 7, 2006.

Barb K. (Graf) Anderson, '92, and **Darren Anderson**, '91, Tipton, a daughter, March 17, 2006.

Heidi M. (Baumgartner) Kloepper, '92, and her husband Darren, Bluffton, a son, October

HIGHLIGHT

by Sarah Kincheloe

"It doesn't seem that long ago that I was walking through the Tally-Ho [in the student center]," says **Tom Cochrun**, '68, reminiscing about his time at Ball State and a 42-year media career. The news director for WISH-TV 24 Hour News Team 8, Cochrun is retiring this month.

He established himself as a media professional in 1965. His first day as a member of the WERK crew was the radio station's first day on-air. Spring-boarding from WERK, Cochrun also broadcast for WNAP Naptown radio, has produced Emmy award-winning documentaries, was a network news anchor, has scripted television programs, and published two mystery novels, not to mention his three years as director at WISH-TV, Indiana's news station of the year.

"There are so many memories, I'll probably have to write a book about it," he says. Although non-fiction, it would read, to most, like an adventure novel, taking readers through African valleys, into 16-weeks of FBI training, and stopping for lunch with the President of the United States, before hiking to the top of a volcano.

But it isn't those adventures that Cochrun deems most important. "I think the most significant milestones of my career have been my investigative reporting," he says, explaining the value of "dealing with social issues" throughout his remarkable career.

Tom Cochrun



Tom Cochrun retires from a 42-year media career, adorned with honors and unique experiences.

"Leaving is bittersweet after 42 years of the adrenaline pump of journalism," says Cochrun. He is moving to California to continue writing and "to be an ambassador [for Ball State] on the west coast," he says.

Cochrun has garnered many honors, including being named a Distinguished Alumnus of his alma mater. He also serves as vice president for the Ball State Alumni Association.

Though he is retiring, Cochrun leaves behind a prominent legacy, one he hopes is of integrity in journalistic efforts:

"Ask hard questions, push, probe. Arm the public with information. I hope that I am an inspiration to others to be good storytellers."

26, 2006. Heidi is an obstetric RN at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Elissa M. (Vaughn) McGauley, '92, and **John D. McGauley**, '91, Fort Wayne, a daughter, September 27, 2006.

Jennifer R. (Langham) Barnes, '94, and **Dean A. Barnes**, '93, Bristol, a son, September 26, 2006.

Betsy J. (Marsh) Strader, '94, and **Aaron P. Strader**, '91, Indianapolis, a son, October 17, 2006.

Vivian L. (Nitecki) Wolf, '94, and her

husband Mark, Huntertown, a daughter March 3, 2006.

Jeremy J. Parr, '94, and his wife Cari, Murfreesboro, TN, a son, July 5, 2006.

Katherine A. (McCleary) Ross, '95, and her husband Donald, Blue Springs, MO, a daughter, November 10, 2006.

Laurel D. (Shepperd) Fauquher, '95, and her husband P.J., Muncie, a daughter, November 8, 2006.

Stacey A. (Bahlmann) Wilson, '97, and **Christopher S. Wilson**, '00, Kokomo, a daughter, October 19, 2006.

Stephanie S. (Etzler) Goodman, '97, and her husband Robert, Fort Wayne, a daughter, June 23, 2006.

Jodi P. (Petty) Strom, '97, and **Matthew G. Strom**, '98, a son, Fishers, June 27, 2006.

Jennifer J. (Wirkner) Coulon, '97, and her husband Timothy, Fishers, a son, October 14, 2006.

Amy R. Fox Dechert, '98, and her husband Brent, Kokomo, twin daughters, August 22, 2006.

Amy L. (Jones) Ashley, '98, and **Paul E. Ashley**, '99, Indianapolis, a daughter, October 3, 2006.

Ryan K. Knoblauch, '98, and his wife Karri, Toledo, OH, a daughter, October 13, 2006.

Jennifer J. (Allen) Raeke, '99, and her husband Daniel, a son, July 4, 2006.

In Memoriam

John E. Jones, '91, Muncie, February 24, 2006.

Timothy A. Atha, '92, Valparaiso, November 11, 2006.

Sharon K. (Hastings) Coon, MS92, Lebanon, October 20, 2006.

Stephen K. George, PhD95, Rexburg, ID, November 1, 2006.

Susan L. (Ryan) Wood, '99MS05, Indianapolis, October 5, 2006.

2000s

News

John A. Albrecht, '00, Indianapolis, was project architect for an award-winning interior design project by Axis Architecture and Interiors.

Brent A. Chapman, '00, Indianapolis, has been selected as a graduate intern at BSA Lifestructures in Indianapolis.

Erin E. Schlabach, '00, Cathedral City, CA, is pursuing her master's degree at the London International School for Performing Arts.

Cynthia M. Stath, MA00, Muncie, has been named director of girl and adult services for the Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council in Bloomington.

Kelli A. (Hahn) Lawrence, '01, Indianapolis, was recently featured in the *Indianapolis Business Journal* as a development partner with Hearthview Residential, LLC, a construction and development company.

Jason D. Brocklesby, '02, Burien, WA, is a producer at KOMO 4-News in Seattle.

Rebecca L. Crane, '02, Indianapolis, is customer service manager at Prometheus Consulting.

Brent J. Kado, '02, Chicago, IL, is editor of a new Web-based publication.

Shaun R. Krenzke, '02MAR04, Rolling Prairie, is a project manager for Falk Design Group in Portage.

Anne E. Kraemer, '03, Cincinnati, OH, has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship to Guatemala in anthropology.

Jaymie B. (Bose) Parsons, '04, Indianapolis, is a recruiter for Hat World and Lids.

Michael R. Johnston, '04, Racine, WI, is a First Lieutenant with the United States Army Tenth Mountain Division near Yusufiyah, Iraq.

Jeffrey D. Duerstock, '05, Dallas, TX, has been named account manager for TXU Energy in Dallas.

Jeffrey R. Pickett, '04, Westfield, has been named an internal accountant for BKD in Indianapolis.

Andrea R. Konanz-Cripe, '05, Goshen, is a special education resource teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School in the Elkhart Community School Corporation.

Julie K. Lauck, EdS05, New Carlisle, is superintendent for the Logansport Community School Corporation.

Christina L. (Archer) Whitlock, MM06, Muncie, is a finalist for the Music Teachers National Association Studio Fellowship Award.

Rachel L. Hadley, '06, Muncie, has joined the Indiana State Department of Child Services as a family case manager.

Tyler D. Kelsey, '06, North Manchester, has joined BSA Lifestructures in Indianapolis.

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Marriages

Karese E. (Osborne), '00, to Chester T. Kitch, Alexandria, September 30, 2006.

Carla M. (Schriml), MA00MS00, to

Christopher M. Owens, MA01, Norristown, PA, April 29, 2006.

Jennifer A. (Winchell), '00, to **David L. Brand**, '87, Yorktown, November 14, 2006.

Elizabeth M. (Christman), '01, to **Joshua N. Dillon**, MS99, Chicago, IL, November 11, 2006.

Regina M. (Dure), '01, to Christopher Smelser, Mill Creek, September 25, 2006.

Krista S. (Himsel), '01, to Brent E. Benge, Indianapolis, October 28, 2006.

Shalon D. (Stokes), '01, to **Steven D. McClatchey**, '02, South Bend, August 12, 2006.

Kendra J. (Wright), '01MA06, Indianapolis, to Dustin M. Pierson, September 2006.

Laurel P. (Griffin), '02, to Bradley Meny, Evansville, October 14, 2006.

Angela L. (Hancock), '02, to Martin Hill, Fortville, October 14, 2006. Angela is executive vice president at Sport Graphics, Incorporated in Indianapolis.

Erica M. (Thornburg), '02, to Paul W. Henry, Muncie, September 22, 2006.

Kaebr G. (Bent), '03, to **James D. Justin**, '02MBA04, Bloomfield, October 7, 2006.

Angela M. (Hurdlik), '03, to **Shawn L. Bradtmueller**, '03, Fishers, September 16, 2006.

Emily N. (Ritchie), '03, to **Anthony W. Kubek**, '05, Burbank, CA, July 8, 2006.

Julie-Anne (Celdran), '04, to Nathaniel K. Williams, Shady Side, MD, October 14, 2006. They have a son, born August 18, 2006.

Jama J. (Clevenger), '04, to **Michael J. Schneider**, '04, Losantville, September 30, 2006.

Gina (Coffin), '04MA05, to **Eric C. Smith**, MA04, Chapel Hill, NC, July 8, 2006.

Megan L. (Doctor), '04, to **Joshua R. Muth**, '03, Indianapolis, September 23, 2006.

Jennifer (Hurrle), '04, to Justin Hill, Fishers, October 7, 2006.

Drew L. Walker, '04, to Nicole M. Blake, Fort Wayne, November 4, 2006.

Lisa R. (Wilson), '04, to **Joel C. Wiseman**, '04, Fishers, October 22, 2006.

Shawna M. (Miller), '05, to **Daniel E. Netser**, '01MS02, Yorktown, September 23, 2006.

Jennifer A. (Graves), '06, to **Christopher N. Van Fleet**, '05, Goshen, October 14, 2006.

Ashley N. (Gross), '06, to **Joe B. Tragesser**, '06, Indianapolis, October 7, 2006.

Vanessa A. (Pearson), '06, to Dennis R. Campbell, Lapel, September 23, 2006.

Kristin M. (Westerfield), '06, to **Paul E. Davenport**, '05, Indianapolis, October 20, 2006.

New Additions

Kristina M. (Abernathy) Retherford, '00, and **David W. Retherford**, '96MA04, Elwood, a daughter, April 7, 2006.



Upcoming Events

January

11	Class of 1957 Social Committee	Alumni Center
13	Alumni Council	Alumni Center
16	MCOB Alumni Awards Committee Meeting	Whiting Building
20	Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Alumni Indiana ICE Outing	Indianapolis
23	NREM Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center
23	NREM Internship Day	Alumni Center
25	Northeastern Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	Fort Wayne
27	Journalism Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center

February

5	MCOB Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Indianapolis
8	Cardinal Football Alliance Board of Directors Meeting	Muncie
11	Adams-Wells Alumni Chapter Family Bowling Outing	Bluffton
12	College of Architecture and Planning Job Fair	Campus
14	College of Architecture and Planning Job Fair	Campus
16	Northeastern Alumni Chapter TGIF Outing	Fort Wayne
21	FCS Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center
24	Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Casino Night Outing	Indianapolis
25	Northeastern Alumni Chapter Science Central Outing	Fort Wayne

March

3	Teachers College Alumni Children's Museum Outing	Indianapolis
6-7	MCOB Alumni Society Dialogue Days	Whiting Building
12	Michiana Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	Elkhart
21	Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	Indianapolis
23	Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Theater Outing	Indianapolis

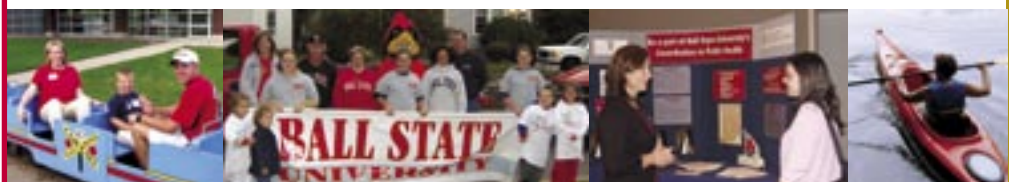
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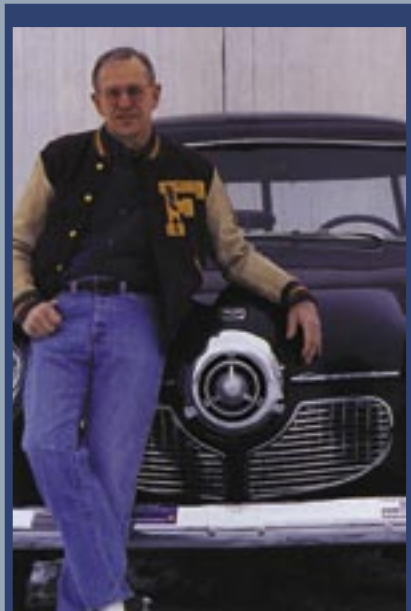
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Ted Harbit

Ted Harbit, '57MA61, has been featured on numerous occasions for his Studebaker drag race car, Chicken Hawk. He holds a 10.07 second quarter-mile record, reaching top-out speeds of 137.8 miles per hour. Harbit will race at the Muncie Dragway in April and in Columbus, OH in June.

Blake D. Miller, '00, and his wife Kimberley, Akron, a daughter, June 26, 2006. Blake is the associate product manager for Symmetry Medical.

Ashley J. (Reed) Fair, '01, and her husband Dan, Jasper, a son, October 16, 2006.

Julianne J. (Tarr) Pavay, '03, and **Christopher Pavay**, '96, Huntersville, NC, a daughter, March 27, 2006.

In Memoriam

Odessa L. (Brumback) Brown, MA00, Muncie, November 30, 2006.

Scott A. Bunton, '00, Fishers, December 1, 2006.

Mark E. Rykard, '01, Fort Wayne, October 8, 2006.

Maurice Taylor-El, '01, Muncie, September 30, 2006.

Rebecca L. Reichert, '05, Mentor, OH, October 14, 2006.

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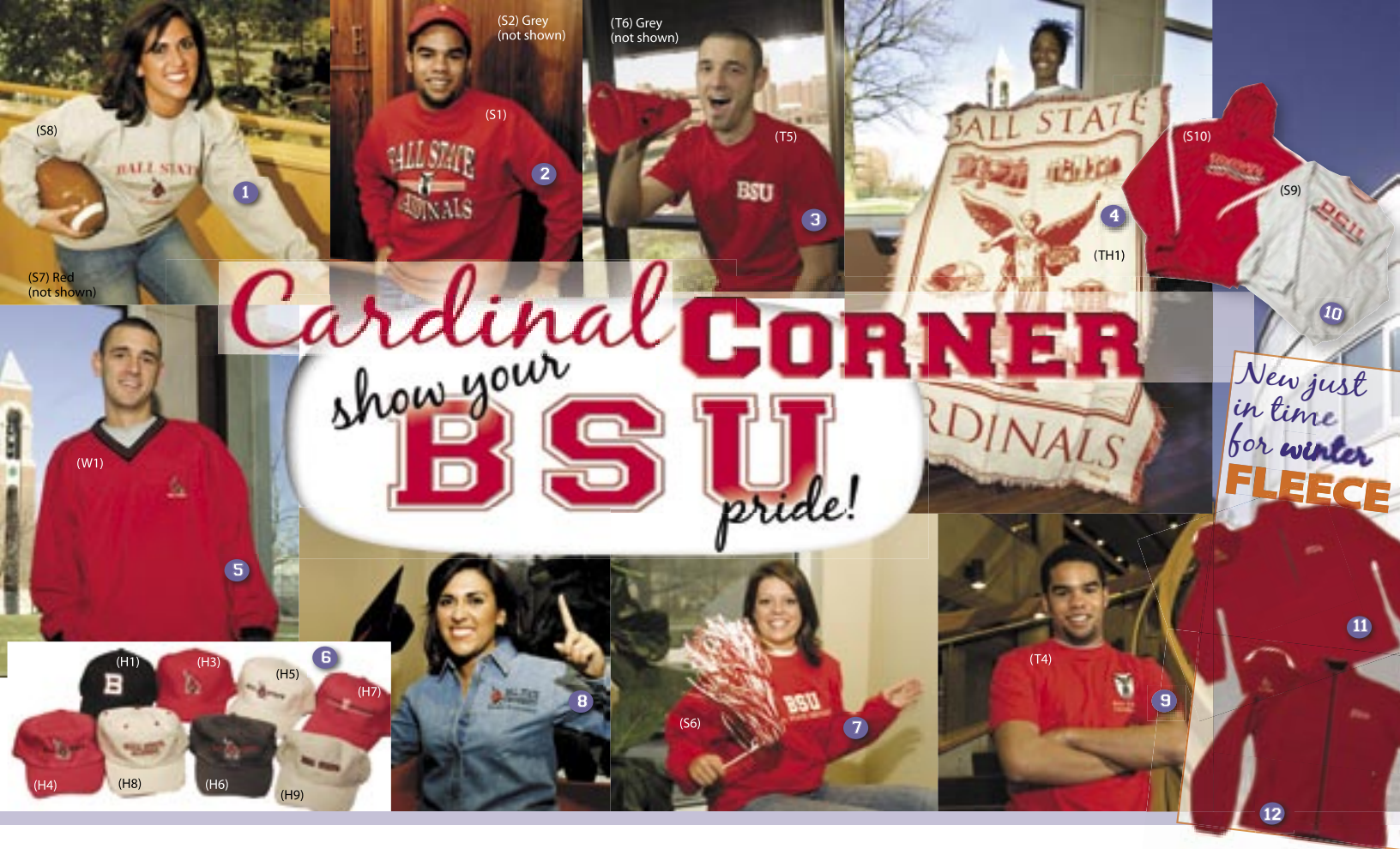
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		3. Fruit of the Loom T-shirt, 100% cotton. In red (T5) or grey (T6) with "Ball State University" silkscreened on left chest. (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$10.38	
		4. Ball State fringed throw, depicting various scenes of campus, with Beneficence in the center. Natural with red accents, 100% cotton, 50"X69"; (TH1).			\$59.95	
		5. Cardinal windshirt. In red with red trim with Ball State logo silkscreened (W1). (S, M)			\$48.00	
		6. Assorted hats. Black with white "B" (H1); red with Cardinal logo (H3); red with "Ball State" and Cardinal logo (H4); stone with "Ball State" and Cardinal logo (H5); charcoal with "Ball State" and Cardinal head logo (H6); red with "Ball State University Alumni" and Benny logo (H7); stone with "Ball State Alumni" (H8); and stone with "Ball State" (H9).			\$14.95	
		7. Sweatshirt by Cotton Exchange. Red with "Ball State University" embroidered in white (S6). (S, M, L, XL).			\$29.95	
		8. Brushed light blue denim long-sleeved shirt. Button-down collar. BSUAA logo on left pocket. In men's (M, L, XL, XXL). In women's (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$34.95	
		9. T-shirt, 100% cotton. In red with black and white logo (T4). (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$10.38	
		10. BSU "Hoodie." Red with "BSU Cardinals" embroidered (S10) and BSU sweatshirt, grey with "BSU Cardinals" embroidered (S9) (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$36.99	
		11. Unisex quarter zip fleece. In red with "Ball State" embroidered on front and "Alumni" and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F2) (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$37.95	
		12. Women's Tiger Mountain full zip fleece. In red with "Ball State" embroidered on front and "Alumni" and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F1) (M, L, XL)			\$47.95	
		13. Kids short sleeved t-shirt by Third Street Sportswear, 100 % cotton. In red with "Ball State" in black and white writing (K1). In grey with "Ball State" in black and red writing (K2). (6-18 mos., 2T-Youth XL) Also available in adult sizes from Fruit of the Loom (T7) (RED only).			\$10.38	
		14. Kids "Hoodie" by Third Street Sportswear, cotton/poly blend. In red with "Ball State Cardinals" written in black and white. "Ball State" is printed inside the hood lining in red (K3). (2T-Youth XL)			\$21.95	
		15. Bib with snap fastener by Third Street Sportswear, cotton/spandex. In red with "Ball State" written in white (K4).			\$7.55	
		16. Kids short-sleeved t-shirt by Third Street Sportswear, 100% cotton. In red with "My First Ball State T-Shirt" in white writing and Charlie Cardinal logo in the middle. (NOTE: Projected ship date for this item is 11/20/06) (K5).			\$10.38	
		17. License plate frame by Stockdale. In mirrored chrome with "ALUMNI" and "BALL STATE" (L1). In chrome with "ALUMNI" and "BALL STATE" reflective lettering on black background with Charlie Cardinal logo (L2).			\$12.95	
		18. 60" Hurricane Golf Umbrella. In red and white with Ball State Alumni Association logo (U1).			\$29.95	
		19. (Not Pictured: Ball State University, An Interpretive History. A narrative look at the university, authored by Ball State professors Anthony Edmonds and Bruce Geelhoed.			\$29.95	

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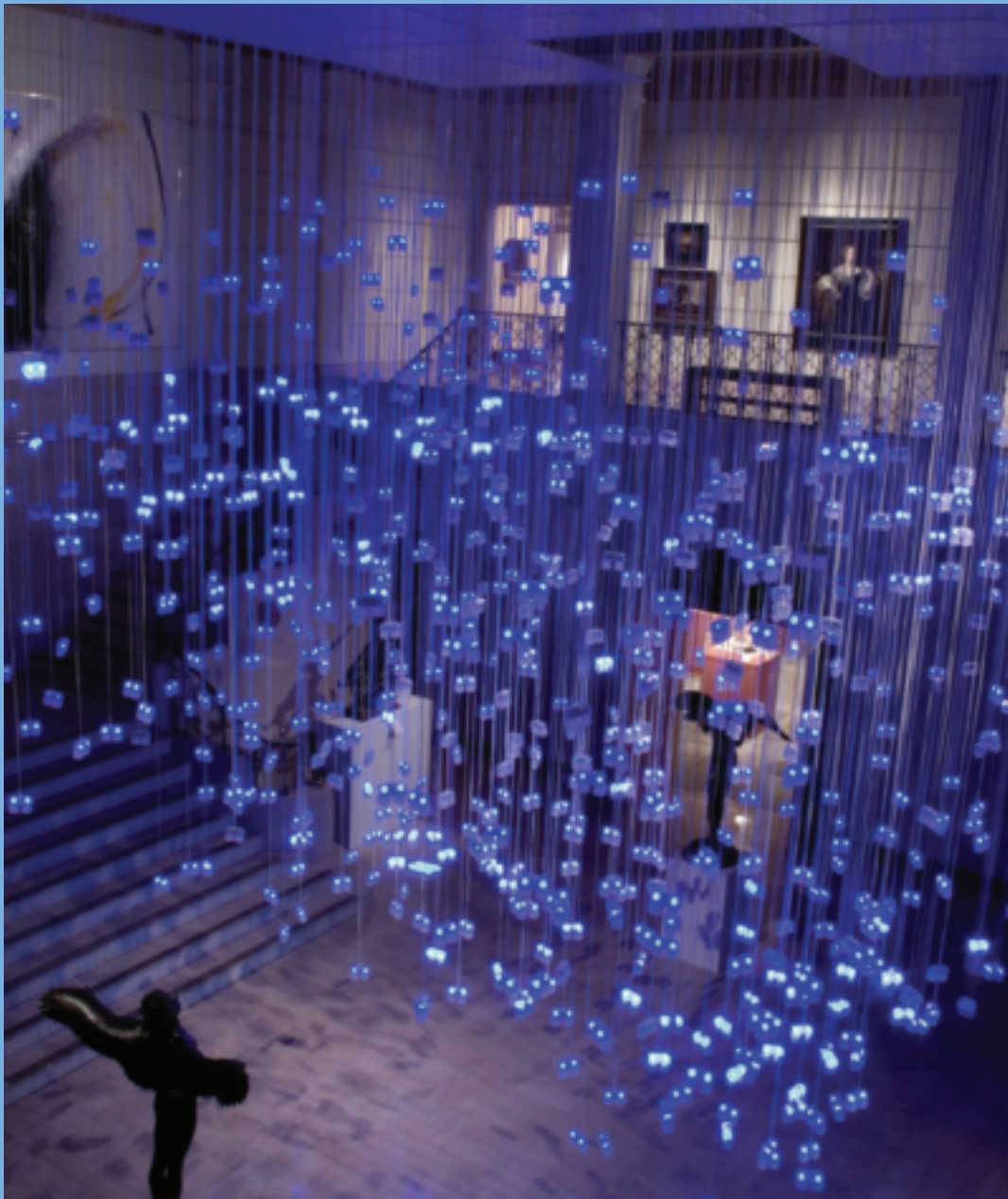
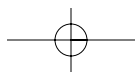
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